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Together, we stride to save lives!

JACKSONVILLE, **Fla.** (3/29/25) – A record-breaking 1,700 people joined Hubbard House's 16th annual Stand Up & Stride Domestic Violence Awareness Walk Saturday, showing the immense support Jacksonville has for survivors of domestic violence.

The Walk is designed to raise funds for Hubbard House's life-saving, life-changing shelter and services while raising awareness and showing survivors of domestic violence the community stands with them. More than 4,500 survivors and children received services through Hubbard House last year.

"The Walk is about the strength of survivors. It is about the hope these families have now that they see the safer future that's possible," says Hubbard House CEO Dr. Gail Patin.

While the event is free to attend, donations to support Hubbard House services are encouraged. It costs \$75 to provide one night of shelter and services for one person, and Hubbard House shelters around 116 people each night. Hubbard House raised more than \$110,000 through the Walk, and donations are still coming in.

"We celebrate you, our community. You make the work of Hubbard House possible," Patin says.

Donations are still welcome through <u>www.hubbardhouse.org/donate-now/</u>.

This year's Walk featured fan-favorite activities like the Kid Zone, stocked with prizes and games. The Impact Zone invited Walk attendees to interact with the impact of Hubbard House's work by sharing why they stride. Studio Jear led two fun Zumba classes and, for the first time, the Walk also featured live music, with a show from Jacksonville-based singer/songwriter duo The Johns Twins.

The design of this year's Walk t-shirt features the Downtown Jacksonville skyline, with the Main Street Bridge transformed into the first H in "Hubbard House." This design shows how connected Hubbard House is to Jacksonville and our community. As Florida's first dedicated domestic violence shelter, Hubbard House has served nearly 160,000 in its 48-year history.

For any survivor of domestic violence who needs support, Hubbard House is here for you. Speak with trained, compassionate advocates through the 24/7 Hubbard House Hotline at (904)354-3114 or the 24/7 Hubbard House Textline at (904)210-3698.

About Hubbard House:

Hubbard House is the full-service certified domestic violence center providing emergency shelter and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence and their families in Duval and Baker counties in Northeast Florida. Free, confidential support is available 24/7 through Hubbard House's Hotline at (904)354-3114 and Textline at (904)210-3698.