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Alderman Trumpets Support for United Negro College Fund Event *UNCF's 25th Annual Walk for Education to be July 18*

The 25th annual United Negro College Fund's Walk for Education holds a significant spot on Alderman Ashanti Hamilton's calendar this summer. The fact that the event is celebrating a quarter century anniversary is important enough, but he said there are other reasons, too.

"Milwaukee has one of the highest percentages of families and children living at or below the poverty line, and the economic crisis has made things that much tougher in my district and across too many neighborhoods in our city," the alderman said. "An event like the walk that can help raise up a young student with dreams of college and a better life takes on much more significance today, and that's why I'm doing all I can to support the event and to raise awareness so people can take part and offer support."

The Walk for Education will take place downtown on Saturday, July 18, 2009. Registration starts at 6:45 a.m. at the starting point for the walk at N. 2nd St. and W. Michigan St. The walk is to start at 8:30 a.m. and will proceed from 2nd and Michigan to Veteran's Park (on the lakefront).

Alderman Hamilton said Mayor Barrett and Aldermen Willie C. Wade, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Michael J. Murphy, James N. Witkowiak, Bob Donovan and Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs are also supporting the event and are planning to take part. "We're encouraging other city employees to sign up and join our City of Milwaukee team for this worthwhile cause," he said, noting that a registration sign-up event is planned for tomorrow (Thursday, June 11) at City Hall.

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