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### **Moon Area Fifth-Grader Receives Special Recognition**

Allard Elementary School fifth-grade student Tyler Casasanta was recognized by the American Heart Association on Nov. 12 in a special ceremony for his fundraising efforts toward the organization's 2008 Pittsburgh Start! Heart Walk held on Oct. 11 at Heinz Field.

Tyler, 10, son of Gene and Chris Casasanta of Moon Township, formed and headed his own team "Tyler's Top Ten," which included Allard staff and students. Together, his team raised \$1,693, while individually Tyler raised \$1,118, making him the youngest Top Walker in the event.

In addition to being recognized in a surprise special assembly in front of the entire Allard student body, he received a P.A.R.K. (Passionate Active Responsible Kid) award at an American Heart Association ceremony. He was selected to cut the starting ribbon at the walk's starting line and also presented at a 2007 Top Walkers event with his own PowerPoint show.

Tyler was invited to strive for Top Walker status by American Heart Association representatives, who were impressed with his \$105 raised for the 2007 walk. He plans to continue participating in and fundraising for the event, which raises money to fight cardiovascular diseases like heart disease.