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ARCH SUPPORTERS — Checking out the finish arch for the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon are Dr. Peter L. Clancy (left), superintendent of the Flint

public schools; Poster Child Julie Bendig, and Genesee Circuit Judge Ollie B. Bivins Jr.

They'll walk for dimes early one day in May

March of Dimes officials have extended the distance of the annual Flint Walk-A-Thon from 15 to 20 miles.

This year's walk will begin at 9 a.m. May 5 at General Motors Institute. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

Finishers will pass under a special arch back at GMI.

Bob Perani, goalie for the Flint Generals hockey team and chairman of the walk, said up to 5,000 walkers are expected, most probably young people.

Last year about 3,000 persons participated, raising nearly \$50,000.

With increased distance and more participants, walk officials are expecting to raise up to \$100,000 for the fight against birth defects.

About 60 per cent of the money raised each year by March of Dimes activities here is used locally for patient aid, prenatal care services and to sup-

port the new neonatal care unit at Hurley Hospital.

This year's honorary walk chairman is Dr. Peter L. Clancy, superintendent

of the Flint Public Schools. Genesee Circuit Judge Ollie B. Bivins Jr., first honorary chairman two years ago, will be among the walkers.

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