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The Center for Persons with Disabilities' own Lil’ Marv stars in the Up to 3 program's display at the North Logan Pumpkin Walk this weekend. In keeping with this year’s theme, “Let the Games Begin,” the blue bull sculpture plays tug o’ war with child-size stuffed figures, some using assistive technology.

The Child Find Committee thought the Pumpkin Walk display would be a good way to help identify children who need services, said Karen Cox, staff assistant for the Up to 3 program. Thousands of spectators are expected during the five-day event.

“We take the ABC class to the Pumpkin Walk every year,” Cox said, and the staff has been mulling the idea since last year’s walk. After discussions during staff meetings, the tug o’ war theme was chosen, then eventually approved by the Pumpkin Walk committee.

Assembling the display was definitely a joint effort, Cox said. She stuffed all the bodies, volunteers from Aggie Advocates and the Council for Exceptional Children helped paint the pumpkin heads, staff members attached all the hair and Director of Exemplary Services Sue Olson made Lil’ Marv’s blanket. In the end, though, it was all trial and error.

“We tried this, we tried that. We used lots of wire, lots of glue on the hair,” Cox said. “It’s up and it’s cute and it’s fun and it fits with our theme. It’s been a lot of fun.”

The Up to 3 program serves approximately 1,000 children across three Utah counties. Up To 3 provides early identification and developmental services for families of infants and toddlers, ages birth to three, both in the home and in preschool settings.

Visit our Facebook page to see more photos of the Up to 3 Program’s 2012 Pumpkin Walk display.