



## ABOUT THE PARKINSON'S UNITY WALK

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The **Parkinson's Unity Walk (PUW)**, a grassroots organization, began in 1994 through the dedicated efforts of patients, families, support groups and friends who were affected by Parkinson's disease. Their main goal was to raise awareness and funds for research to find a cure for Parkinson's.

Over the last twenty-four years, the Unity Walk has grown from 200 participants in the first event to approximately 11,000 participants in the 2018 Walk. The funds raised for PUW have also dramatically increased with each passing year. In 1994, the Unity Walk raised \$16,000 in research funds and in 2018, raised over \$1,500,000 for Parkinson's research.

Generous donations of time and service to the Walk have expanded fundraising and awareness well beyond earlier expectations. Donations from the Unity Walk have gone to support research for the following major U.S. Parkinson's foundations:

- American Parkinson Disease Association
- Parkinson's Foundation
- The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
- The Parkinson Alliance

The Parkinson's Unity Walk directs donated funds to increase research to find a cure. Participating organizations use the dollars they receive to fund specific research studies.

From the very beginning, 100% of donations raised by walkers and contributors has been and continues to be designated for research. Corporate sponsors and individual research foundations fund the operating expenses of the PUW.

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