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Parkinson's Unity Walk is an event that is beautiful inside and outside



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Raising awareness for a good cause is always a beautiful and powerful thing to do, and it will never go out of fashion.

Parkinson's Disease is one of the most common nervous system disorders, that affects both females and males at any age. For example, the former champion boxer Muhammad Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in his early 40s, and famous actor Michael J. Fox was diagnosed with it in his early 30s. The cause of Parkinson's disease is still unknown. There is currently no cure for Parkinson's disease, and research is continuing to advance every day.

Carol Walton, Executive Director of Parkinson's Unity Walk and CEO of The Parkinson Alliance, along with May May Ali, daughter of Mahammad Ali join forces to "knock out"

Parkinson's Disease at the Parkinson's Unity Walk over the weekend on April 26. Photos of the walk can be seen here via Twitter [@unitywalk](#) or on Facebook [parkinsonsunitywalk](#). This event is proof that beauty is skin deep, because it helps raise awareness and funds for research, and helps find a cure for Parkinson's.

The Parkinson's Unit Walk, which started in 1994 through the dedicated efforts of patients, families, supports those who were affected by Parkinson's disease. It has grown from 200 participants in the first event to over to 10,000 participants! Donations from the Unity Walk have gone to support research for the following major U.S. Parkinson's foundations:

American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA)

National Parkinson Foundation, Inc. (NPF)

Parkinson's Action Network (PAN)

Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF)

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (MJFF)

The Parkinson Alliance (PA)

The Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Center (PI)

The Parkinson's Unity Walk directs donated funds to increase research to find a cure. Six of the seven participating organizations use the dollars they receive to fund specific research studies. The Parkinson's Action Network seeks to maximize federal funding of Parkinson's research through a concerted nationwide advocacy effort. 100% all of the donations raised by walkers and contributors has been and continues to be designated for research. For more information, visit www.unitywalk.org.