



The 24th Parkinson's Unity Walk to Take Place on Saturday, April 28th in New York City's Central Park to Raise Funds for Research

KINGSTON, N.J. (March 9, 2018) -- The Parkinson Alliance announced today that the 24th Parkinson's Unity Walk is to take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018, in New York City's Central Park to raise funds and unite the community in the battle to eradicate Parkinson's disease. Thousands of participants including patients, caregivers, family, and friends, are expected to walk together in the largest grassroots fundraiser for Parkinson's disease research in the United States.

Last year's event raised over \$1.5 million, and every penny of that is now funding vital research. However, Martin Tuchman, Chairman of The Parkinson Alliance stated that "Until we find a cure, we must keep walking and funding research. Parkinson's disease is a chronic, degenerative, neurological disorder that affects at least one million people in the United States. Sixty thousand new cases (one person every nine minutes), are diagnosed each year, and we need continuing research to keep advancing our progress."

The Unity Walk is more than a fundraiser and gathering for the community. Carol Walton, Executive Director of the Parkinson's Unity Walk, explained that "While it is critical for our community to come together and help fund a cure, it is equally important to keep each other informed about treatment and therapies." In addition to the 1.4-mile wheelchair accessible walk route, participants will have opportunities to meet with organizations, healthcare experts, nationally recognized Parkinson's disease exercise programs, and movement disorders centers. They can visit with our sponsors to learn about current medical therapies. "It is important for us to offer patients and their families a chance to learn about the support that's available for them," added Walton.

With the backing of our supporters, we have funded hundreds of studies since the Unity Walk's inception in 1994. We are proud to partner with our sponsors who allow for every donation to go to Parkinson's disease research funded by five leading organizations: American Parkinson Disease Association, Parkinson's Foundation, The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, The Parkinson Alliance, and The Parkinson's Institute and Clinical Center. Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc., is the Premier Sponsor for the 2018 Parkinson's Unity Walk. Additional sponsors for the 2018 Unity Walk include AbbVie, US WorldMeds, Abbott, Adamas, Lundbeck, UCB, Acorda, Boston Scientific, Impax, LSVT Global, and Medtronic.

For information about how to join us for the 2018 Parkinson's Unity Walk, visit our website at unitywalk.org or call (866) 789-9255.

About The Parkinson Alliance

The mission of The Parkinson Alliance is to raise funds for research to end Parkinson's disease, support the development of new therapies, and improve the quality of life for those living with the disease through patient-centered research and resources. The Parkinson Alliance stands as an umbrella organization for the Unity Walk, Team Parkinson, and other fundraising events held around the country. Taken together, we have funded nearly \$30 million in research since our founding.

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