



## **The 25th Annual Parkinson's Unity Walk Raised Over \$1.5 Million for Parkinson's Disease Research**

***More than \$26.5 million has been raised by the Unity Walk to improve the lives of patients living with Parkinson's and a step closer to finding a cure!***

KINGSTON, N.J. (August 27, 2019) -- The Parkinson Alliance is pleased to announce that the 25th Parkinson's Unity Walk held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, in New York City's Central Park, raised over \$1.5 million for vital research to support the development of new therapies, and improve the quality of life for those living with Parkinson's disease. One hundred percent of funds raised will go directly to research funded by four major U.S. Parkinson's disease organizations.

Since the inception of the Parkinson's Unity Walk in 1994, its mission is to raise funds for Parkinson's disease research. "Thanks to our dedicated supporters, for three years in a row, we raised over \$1.5 million for research. This year's event brings us to a combined total of over \$26.5 million in donations since the first Walk, bringing us one step closer to finding a cure," stated Martin Tuchman, Chairman of The Parkinson Alliance.

All donations from the Parkinson's Unity Walk are distributed to Parkinson's disease organizations for the sole purpose of funding research grants. For 2019, the organizations benefiting from the distribution of donations are the American Parkinson Disease Association, Parkinson's Foundation, The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, and The Parkinson Alliance.

United in the hope of one day eradicating Parkinson's disease, more than 10,000 walkers, over 400 registered teams, walked together last April in the largest single-day grassroots Parkinson's fundraiser in the United States.

Tremendous energy was generated in the gathering of patients, caregivers, family and friends, organizations, healthcare experts, advocates, and supporters. This year's Walk had supporters from 50 states and 25 countries. In addition to the 1.4-mile wheelchair accessible walk route, patients and families visited educational booths and learned about treatments and therapies.

According to Carol Walton, Executive Director of the Parkinson's Unity Walk, "While we gather once a year to fight Parkinson's disease as one community, our dedicated supporters fundraise all year long. We can't say thank you enough to our participants for their efforts, donors for giving generously, volunteers for making another year possible, and sponsors for being the reason that every donation goes to research."

"We are especially thankful to our supporters who have walked with us since the first Unity Walk," explained Walton.

Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc. was the Premier Sponsor for 2019, and additional sponsors included

US WorldMeds, Abbott, Adamas, Lundbeck, UCB, AbbVie, Acorda, Amneal, Boston Scientific, Kyowa Kirin, LSVT Global, Medtronic, Vertical Pharmaceuticals and Voyager Therapeutics.

Information about grants funded by the 2019 Parkinson's Unity Walk will be posted on the Unity Walk's website later this year.

Until we find a cure, we must continue walking and funding research. For information about the 2020 Parkinson's Unity Walk, visit [unitywalk.org](http://unitywalk.org) or call 866-789-9255 to learn more.

### **About The Parkinson Alliance**

The mission of [The Parkinson Alliance](http://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 Parkinson's Unity Walk, Team Parkinson, and other fundraising events held around the country.

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