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VIRTUAL WALK

VIRTUAL TEAM HOPE WALK 2020 TOOLKIT

HDSA'S TEAM HOPE WALK PROGRAM IS GOING VIRTUAL!

The battle against Huntington's disease rages on and we need you to join TEAM HOPE- **VIRTUALLY!** A virtual walk is a real walk, but on your terms. You get choose your own course. Now, you can take part wherever you are...from the comfort and safety of your own home, around your yard, or even your neighborhood (following social distance guidelines, of course). Our generous friends at Genentech and Teva will continue to be our National Team Hope sponsors.



While COVID-19 disrupts everyone's lives, HD continues to impact the lives of so many families near and dear to us. And even though stay at home orders and social distancing may keep us physically apart, the spirit of the HD Community will not be broken.

In the 2020 Virtual Team Hope Toolkit you will find three options and the necessary resources to continue supporting the fight against HD!

OPTION 1

Convert a planned Team Hope Walk in May to a Virtual Team Hope Walk

OPTION 2

Create a new Virtual Team Hope Walk in your Community this May

OPTION 3

Participate in the New Nationwide Virtual Team Hope Walk on May 2nd!

VIRTUAL TEAM HOPE WALK FAQs

- Q: Can Chapters use a May virtual walk as a kick-off event to their fall walk? If so do they need a separate page to fundraise or do they have their participants register for the fall walk registration?
- A: Yes. Chapters can use a May virtual walk as a kick-off event to their fall walk! They can host their virtual walk on May 2nd or another date in May. Chapters can use an existing walk page or create a new page for their virtual walk. Creating a new page would require walkers/fundraisers to register twice (once for the May walk and again for the fall walk). If you choose to use an existing page for both walks, you will need to update the landing and peer to peer (P2P) page language for the May kickoff virtual walk. And then once that date's passed you'll just need to update the landing and P2P page language for the fall walk date.
- Q: My Chapter wants to add the virtual option to a Walk that is already planned for late May (for example, May 30th) and may still take place at its physical location. How do I do that?
- A: In this situation, we would suggest that Chapter use their existing May 30th walk page. The Chapter will just need to update landing and P2P page language to acknowledge the current situation; explain that they're holding on to hope they'll be able to walk in person on May 30th; and furthermore explain that if social distancing measures persist they're going to walk "virtually" on May 30th.
- Q: If a walk is already planned for later in the year, does my Chapter have to host a virtual walk in May?
- A: No. No one is required to host a Virtual Team Hope Walk this spring. However, hosting a walk in May could be a great kick-off event to raise early/additional funds for your fall walk, and also provides supporters an opportunity to support their local HD Community on May 2nd or at some other point during HD Awareness Month.

OPTION 1: MAY CONVERTED TO VIRTUAL WALK

MAY THW CONVERTED TO VTHW: VTHW LANDING PAGE TEXT

IMPORTANT UPDATE

THE XXX TEAM HOPE WALK IS STILL ON! WE ARE INTRODUCING A NEW, "VIRTUAL" WALK EVENT THAT WILL BE FUN AND ENGAGING FOR EVERYONE. THIS CHANGE IN FORMAT ALIGNS WITH THE NEWLY RELEASED <u>CDC GUIDANCE</u> FOR LARGE EVENTS, TO HELP ENSURE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR PARTICIPANTS.

Join the XXX Virtual Team Hope Walk on May XX, 2020!

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Why A Virtual Team Hope Walk?

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How do I register and participate?

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OPTION 2: NEW VIRTUAL TEAM HOPE WALK

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REMEMBER TO SAY, "THANK YOU!"

SAMPLE REGISTRATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear {FirstName} {LastName},

Thank you for your registering for the {EventName} on {DateOfEvent}!

With your help during this challenging time we can continue our mission to improve the lives of everyone with Huntington's disease and their loved ones through fundraising and awareness.

Participants who raise \$100 or more will receive a 2020 Team Hope t-shirt! Keep raising funds to be eligible for even more great fundraising rewards/prizes.

Then, on {DateOfEvent}, don't forget to join HDSA on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with photos and videos of you walking in your home, yard, or neighborhood (social distancing of course) using the hashtag **#VirtualTeamHopeWalk**!

Thank you again and good luck with your fundraising efforts!

Huntington's Disease Society of America 505 Eighth Avenue Suite 902 New York, NY 10018 T: 212-242-1968

SAMPLE DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear {FirstName} {LastName},

Thank you for your generous donation to the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA), through your support of the {Event Name}. Your gift of \${Amount} will further the HDSA mission of improving the lives of everyone affected by Huntington's disease.

HDSA is the premier nonprofit organization and the world's leader in providing help for today and hope for tomorrow for people with Huntington's disease and their families. HDSA's network of Chapters, Affiliates, Centers of Excellence, social workers and support groups provide a seamless network of help, education and outreach to HD families and health care professionals across the United States.

Now, more than ever, these resources are so incredibly vital to HD families, and YOU make it all possible. Also know that through the CARES Act, recently passed by Congress, your gift (up to \$300) is fully tax-deductible (event of you don't itemize your deductions). *Please consult your tax advisor for more information.*

Together we're making a difference in the lives of people living with and touched by Huntington's disease. Thank you.

For more information on our progress, programs and events across the country, please visit www.hdsa.org.

With Gratitude, Louise Vetter President & CEO

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is a 501(c)(3) organization, The amount of this payment deductible for federal income tax purposes is limited to the excess of the amount contributed over the value of the goods and services provided by the HDSA and, in accordance with IRS regulations, raffle tickets are not tax deductible. HDSA EIN#13-3349872.

P.S. Does YOUR employer match employee charitable gifts? Find out below!

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TEAM CAPTAIN LETTER

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Thank you for your outstanding support of the Huntington's Disease Society of America and the Team Hope Walk program. Our teams play an important role in raising vital funds for Huntington's Disease, and we cannot thank you enough for all that you do!

Last year, thanks to your leadership as a Team Captain, Team Name raised an amazing https://www.example.com a not had https://www.example.com a not had https://www.example.com a not had https://www.example.com a not had
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 araised directly supports the mission of the society: To improve the lives of everyone affected by Huntington's araised and their families. We hope you will join us again this year as a Team Captain!

Last year we had XXX participants and raiser over \$00,000 for the XXX Team Hope Walk! We are so excited to roll out our new Virtual Team Hope Walk program this year! We really need your support to get our fundraising numbers up to where they should be. So we need YOUR help to achieve this year's goal of \$00,000; it's absolutely crucial that we meet this goal to continue to provide the programs and services our communities rely on to continue their fight against HD. We have included your team roster from last year. Please let us know if we can help you re-register them for 2020.

We will be hosting TEAM WEEK from April 20th-April 24th. We are offering some really GREAT incentive fundraising prizes that you DON'T want to miss out on! Please see attached TEAM WEEK flyer for more information.

(List Team Members)

Every dollar raised and every step you take will support critical Huntington's Disease research, education, and outreach. Since its inception, HDSA has invested more than \$XX million in research projects and each year funds more than 50 education days; hosts an annual convention that happens to be the largest gathering of HD families in the world; and we recently expanded our Centers of Excellence Program to 50 centers. We cannot fund these efforts and many more without your support!

We hope that you will join us this year on May 2nd for our first ever virtual walk! Sign your team up today and make your virtual plans to get active! Walk around your neighborhood, block, treadmill, run around your background or whatever you feel up to. Together we will one day have a world free of Huntington's Disease, one step at a time. Your participation and fundraising provides help for HD families today and HOPE for HD families tomorrow. Help through more care, education, advocacy, research and renewed hope for potential treatments and one day, a cure for Huntington's Disease.

Thank you, <mark>NAME</mark>

ORDERING YOUR VTHW T-SHIRTS

WHERE DO I ORDER T-SHIRTS?

Visit the T-Formation platform as you normally would for your Team Hope Walks. Talk with your HDSA Regional Team member if you have questions accessing this site.

IS THERE A T-SHIRT MINIMUM?

If you are printing local sponsors on the back of the T- shirt, yes, there is a 72-piece minimum. If you are leaving the back of the t-shirts blank, there is no minimum.

WHAT IS THE PRINTING TIMELINE?

If you are printing local sponsors on the back, the 5-week timeline still applies. If you are leaving the back of the T-shirts blank, approximately 3-weeks should be enough time. Please note, our vendor, T-Formation, will be halting printing through April 30th. Please continue to submit your T-shirt orders ASAP, so they are added to the production queue when printing resumes on May 1st.

WHO CAN GET A FREE T-SHIRT?

Shirts are being sent to those that fundraised \$100 or more for the walk.

HOW DO WE GET THE SHIRTS TO OUR WALKERS?

You pick the fundraising deadline. When you get to that date work with your HDSA Staff member to pull the list from Donorview. Then send the excel file to T-formation for shipping, your excel file should contain Name, Address, T-shirt size. Please note that only 1 t-shirt fits per envelope so if you have multiple participants in the same household and they each raised \$100 or more each participant will get their own t-shirt in a separate envelope. Shipping and handling per package is \$6 for each one.

HOW DO I OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SHIRTS FOR MY SPONSORS?

When you place your order make sure you include your shirt total. You can have left over shirts from your order shipped directly to you via standard UPS Shipping.

It's Team Week!

Have Fun Encouraging your Virtual THW Teams

You've heard of Shark Week so now let's celebrate Team Week! What is Team Week?

- Team Week is a week you choose (we recommend the week of April 20th) as a focused activity to get your teams engaged, recruit participants and *FUN* draise
- Build enthusiasm with local prizes

Each day during Team Week, develop an exciting team challenge where team members can earn prizes and recognition. Here are a few ideas!

- Monday Announce that the team who <u>fundraises the most</u> by Friday, April 24th, will win a prize of your choice. This should be a big prize, local areas should be able to get tickets to a local event, electronic device, tv or something donated from a local vendor or business.
- **Tuesday** The team who <u>registers the most walkers</u> by Friday April 24th, wins a breakfast/lunch team breakfast for their whole team! This can be done as a thank you for the team later in the year. Local restaurants like Panera/bagel store/pizza place or any other local restaurant would be more than happy to support this. You can add the local business logo to your local THW site as a thank you recognition.
- Wednesday <u>Promote shirts!</u> Remember every team member that raises \$100 gets a free Team Hope Walk T-shirt!
- Thursday <u>Focus on outreach!</u> Offer the opportunity to win a chance to win a chase/visa gift card for sending 20 emails from your Team Hope Walk participant center. Suggest that for every 20 emails you send between 12:01am April 23rd- 11:59pm April 24th you get one chance.
- Friday <u>It's time to get social!</u> Win a chance to receive one of (5) \$5 or \$10 (whatever you can get donated) Dunkin Donuts/Starbucks or other local donated vendor gift cards by logging in to your participant center and personalizing your Team Hope Walk page with a photo and/or story of why you walk. Post a comment and/or photo on our FB page with your favorite walk memory or what you are looking forward to this year at walk.

Consider other creative ideas during social distancing like a "drive by parade" where your Team Hope Committee decorates their cars and drives by the homes of lead fundraisers and team builders honking your car horn. Or perhaps use sidewalk chalk or homemade signs to show gratitude in someone's driveway or front lawn. The sky is the limit! Huntington's Disease
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HAVE QUESTIONS?

SEND US AN EMAIL

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We're here to help!