



MILES 4NF



Walk for Neurofibromatosis

February 2019

To our Friends and Neighbors,

We are raising money to help improve the lives of those affected by neurofibromatosis.

Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form on nerves anywhere in the body at any time. It can also cause cancer, seizures, deformities, scoliosis, hearing loss, vision loss, learning disabilities, chronic pain, headaches, high blood pressure and many other complications. Neurofibromatosis affects 1 in 2,500 births. Anyone can have a child with NF, regardless of family history.

This June, we will be hosting our ninth annual NF Walk at Drake Sports Park in West Bloomfield. The Miles 4NF Walk, in partnership with NF Michigan, will take place the morning of Saturday, June 22nd. Proceeds from each year's walk are dedicated to NF research being conducted here in Michigan.

We are asking you to help make our event successful. We are in need of donations for our silent auction as well as gift cards/certificates that enable us to provide food and water for our participants. **Please be generous; your donations are tax deductible.** Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors and participants, our last eight walks combined have raised \$159,783 for research.

A tremendous amount of care is taken when selecting the research grant recipients. We are very proud to have awarded grants to Dr. Xia Wang at Henry Ford Hospital, Dr. Matt Steensma at Van Andel Research Institute in Grand Rapids, Dr. Albert Cornelius at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, and Dr. Raymond Mattingly at Wayne State University's School of Medicine. Drs. Steensma and Mattingly have received multiple grants. Their dedication to NF research continues to impress us.

Thank you for your help and support. We can pick up donations at your convenience.

Go to our link <https://reg.planetReg.com/2019 Miles 4NF West Bloomfield> to get more information regarding our walk, make a monetary donation and/or register to attend.

If you prefer to mail a donation, you can send it to: Suzanne Saikalas, 4253 Somerville Drive, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. Please make monetary donations out to **NF Michigan**.

Sincerely,
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