32ND ANNUAL WALK TO END HIV GOES VIRTUAL, NOW THROUGH APRIL 1

Hosted by AIDS Foundation Houston, the event raises funds for local HIV/AIDS service organizations that support thousands of Houstonians impacted by HIV

HOUSTON — For 32 years, AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH) has brought together tens of thousands of Houstonians in a walk to end HIV. This year, AFH will host the 32nd annual Walk to End HIV virtually, inviting Houstonians to participate any time between now and Thursday, April 1, 2021. Registration for the virtual experience, which will raise funds for AFH and other local HIV/AIDS service organizations, is now open at aidswalkhouston.org.

This year, participants can choose any activity—walking, running, swimming, dancing, cooking, painting, singing, etc.—to raise money and help end the HIV epidemic in Houston. Participants can also create a fundraising team or individual fundraising page through the AFH website, or join or contribute to an existing team or page. Fundraising efforts can be easily shared on social media in order to encourage other Houstonians to participate and give. Prizes will be awarded to individuals for every $50, $125, $500 and $1000 they raise, as well as to the top three fundraising teams in each category.

“AFH is on a mission to end the HIV epidemic in Houston by 2030,” says AFH CEO John Huckaby. “Advances in treatment offer real hope for people living with HIV to live healthy lives, while PrEP, a once-daily pill to prevent HIV, means that we can drastically slow the acquisition of HIV. Funds raised from the Walk to End HIV are vital to the work being done community-wide to reach this goal.”

Additionally, every Friday beginning on February 26, AFH will host free livestreamed events on their Facebook and Instagram channels (@AFHoustonTX) to encourage participation and raise awareness and funds.

On April 9, AFH will host a virtual celebration at AIDSWalkHouston.org to celebrate this year’s top fundraisers, present grants to benefitting agencies and honor the 2021 AIDS Walk underwriters and agency partners. The celebration, hosted by a surprise local celebrity, will feature special performances and appearances from leaders in the community.

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AIDS Foundation Houston hosts virtual 32nd annual AIDS Walk Houston

AIDS Walk Houston raises funds for AFH and several benefitting agencies that provide education, pediatric programs, housing, food, medical care, counseling, job training and more to the almost 30,000 Houstonians currently living with HIV/AIDS. These organizations also provide essential services and programs for the LGBTQ and allied community in the Greater Houston area. Eligible non-profits interested in becoming a benefiting agency for the 2021 Walk to End HIV Houston can click here.

2021 benefitting agencies to date include Houston Harm Reduction Alliance, Lazarus House, Change Happens, Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, Thomas Street Health Center, Pride Houston and Baylor Teen Health Clinic.

AFH is grateful to the 2021 underwriters, agency partners and community & media partners: ViiV, Mad Hat Maven, Avita Pharmacy, Hawthorne Capital, CORT, Walgreens, ExxonMobil, AIG, Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce, HealthMerch, Agency, CKP and OutSmart.

EVENT: 32nd Annual Walk to End HIV – AIDS Walk Houston 2021

WHEN: Participate now through April 1
Virtual celebration on April 9

LINK: www.AIDSWalkHouston.org

INTERVIEWS: AIDS Foundation Houston spokespeople and event participants are available for interviews by request. Please contact Madison Mann at madison@theckpgroup.com to schedule.


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About AIDS Foundation Houston
AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH), founded in 1982, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that was the first AIDS Service Organization in Texas and remains a national leader in HIV/STD programming. With the goal of creating a community where HIV is stigma-free and rare, and people have equitable access to care, AFH works towards the mission of ending the HIV epidemic in the Houston area. AFH services include prevention education, HIV/STI testing, outreach in Texas prisons, PrEP care, supportive housing, food assistance, a summer camp for children, and supportive services to persons affected by HIV/AIDS. For more information, please visit www.AIDSHelp.org.

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