

## PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL



# WE'RE STRONGER WALK MS.

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### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

Walk MS brings together a community of passionate individuals to connect and raise funds to change the world for everyone affected by MS.

### GOALS

Walk MS provides an opportunity for friends, loved ones and co-workers to team up and become a powerful force. This community event raises critical funds to drive groundbreaking research, provide life-changing programs and guarantee a supportive community for those who need it most. Nearly 330,000 people come together annually in nearly 550 locations to help ensure no one ever has to be diagnosed again.

### WHAT THAT MEANS

Walk MS brings people together as individuals and as teams to share an unforgettable experience with friends, family, and coworkers—while raising money to make a difference in the lives of people affected by MS.

The camaraderie created by Walk MS makes it a team-building event of choice for corporations and organizations, and gives them a unique opportunity to move forward together toward a world free of MS.

The dollars raised drive promising research to stop the disease, restore function that has been lost and end MS forever. In addition, fundraising dollars support local programs to help people living with MS move their lives forward. In 2018, the cumulative fundraising is expected to surpass \$1 billion.

#### WALK MS: THE FACTS





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### WHAT IS WALK MS?

Walk MS is a non-competitive, fully supported, and accessible walking adventure for family members of all ages and abilities.

### Growing and Giving

Each year, Walk MS continues to grow in participation and fundraising. In 2017 over 1,900 walkers raised more than \$185,000!

### FAMILY FUN

Celebrate after the walk with snacks, music, kid's activities, and much more.

### **MS EXPO**

The MS Expo is the place for your business or organization to be at Walk MS. Representatives from local companies and community resources will be available to discuss programs and/or services aimed to improve the quality of life for people living with MS. The MS Expo will open at 9 am for all three event locations.



### JOIN THE MOVEMENT...

### SPONSORSHIP

Your financial and in-kind contributions are dynamic catalysts that move people to address the challenges of men, women and children affected by MS.

Your generous contributions make it possible to off-set the Society's necessary event expenses for supplies, first-aid kits, staging equipment, route security, on-site medical assistance, fundraising and recruitment incentives, and more.

### FORM A CORPORATE TEAM

- Teamwork & Team Building Exercising and fundraising together fosters stronger relationships resulting in better teamwork and morale in the workplace.
- **Corporate Pride & Employee Retention** Contributing to a good cause and taking an active role in the community instills company pride in your employees. After working together to meet goals and seeing the success they can create as a team, they will look forward to building on the success each year.
- **A Healthy Work Environment** Exercising and walking helps your employees get in shape and learn healthy habits which translate to a more effective work force and healthcare savings.

#### WALK MS: THE FACTS

85%
OF PARTICIPANTS
ARE ON FRIENDS & FAMILY OR CORPORATE
TEAMS
92%
WALK BECAUSE OF
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### SUPPORT WALK MS

### EXPOSURE

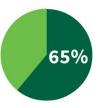
The emphasis with our corporate partners is building long-term relationships that add value to the lives of our walkers, donors, volunteers and people affected by MS. Corporate partners of Walk MS are visible, recognized, and celebrated for their partnership and commitment to achieving a world free of multiple sclerosis.

Together, we can develop a partnership that is unique to your needs to raise MS awareness while promoting your company within the Walk MS community.

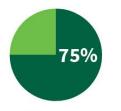
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  - MS Expo
  - Brochures
  - Posters
  - eNewsletters

- Website
- Media Coverage
  - Signage
  - T-Shirts

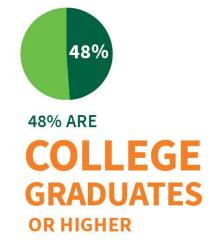
### WALK MS: THE FACTS



65% HAVE A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$50K+



75% OF PARTICIPANTS ARE FEMALE





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### WE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MS NOW.

#### ABOUT THE NATIONAL MS SOCIETY

The Society mobilizes people and resources so that those who are affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost and end MS forever. To fulfill this mission, the Society funds cutting-edge research, drives change through advocacy, facilitates professional education, collaborates with MS organizations around the world, and provides programs and services designed to help people with MS and their families move their lives forward. Last year alone, through our comprehensive nationwide network of services, the Society devoted more than \$100 million to connect approximately one million people affected by MS to the connections, information, and resources they need. To move us closer to a world free of MS, the Society also invested \$42 million to support more than 380 new and ongoing research projects around the world. The Society is dedicated to achieving a world free of MS. Join the movement at **nationalMSsociety.org**.

### ABOUT MS

Multiple sclerosis, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million worldwide.

### JOIN THE MOVEMENT AND SUPPORT WALK MS 2018

#### Walk MS: Northwest Arkansas

Sat., Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Veteran's Memorial Park Fayetteville, AR

#### Walk MS: Northeast Arkansas

Sat. Apr. 21st, 2018 St. Bernard Auditorium Jonesboro, AR

#### Walk MS: Central Arkansas

Sat. Apr. 28th, 2018 First Security Amphitheatre Little Rock, AR



2018 Walk MS: Arkansas SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS	\$10,000	\$7.500	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750
Named presenting sponsor for Walk MS: Arkansas	V					
Sponsor name included in all Walk MS® press releases	A					
Speaking opportunity as presenting sponsor at opening ceremonies	V					
Opportunity to place promotional items at registration table	V	$\checkmark$				
Color logo included on billboards	V	V				
Color logo and link on all email correspondence (5,000+)	V	$\mathbf{V}$	$\overline{\mathbf{N}}$			
Corporate banners displayed at event (sponsor provided)	V	V	$\mathbf{N}$			
Color logo placement on Walk MS print collateral (posters and brochures)	V	V	$\mathbf{N}$	V		
Use of Walk MS logo on your company's promotional materials	V	V	$\mathbf{V}$	$\checkmark$		
Color logo and link on Walk MS webpage	V	V	V	$\checkmark$	V	
Customizable opportunities to become a "naming" sponsor to an event asset at Walk MS *	V	V	V	V	V	
Recognition via day of event scripting	V	$\checkmark$	V	V	V	V
Logo placement on walk and Top Fundraiser t-shirts	V	$\checkmark$	V	V	V	V
MS Expo booth space	V	Ń	$\mathbf{N}$	$\mathbf{N}$	V	V

### **CUSTOMIZABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

The opportunity to name an event asset at Walk MS is completely customizable to your sponsorship package and creates a unique way for participants to engage with your business, group, or organization.

I Walk For \_\_\_\_\_ Bib Tent Kid's Activity Tent Team Photos Tent Mission Movers Tent Living with MS Tent Break Point Sponsor



### PARTNERSHIP REPLY

YES! We would like to join the movement and help create a world free of MS for the Sponsorship Level listed below. \*Logo for print collateral is due Jan. 10, 2018, and logo for T-shirt is due Jan. 31, 2018.

	Central AR	Northwest AR	Northeast AR
	PRESENTING PARTNER: \$10,000	)	
	PLATINUM: \$7,500		
	GOLD: \$5,000		
	SILVER: \$3,000		
	BRONZE: \$1,500		
	HOPE: \$750		
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### SOCIETY CORPORATE SPONSORS

You are in good company when helping to create a world free of MS. Society corporate partners include:

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Bayer HealthCare	<b>Bicycling</b>	Biogen
BIMBO BAKERIES USA	bp	
ConocoPhillips	Deloitte.	EMD Serono
FedEx®	Genentech A Member of the Roche Group	A SANOFI COMPANY
<u>GM</u>	GLANT.	golden corral
KENDA	KPMG	Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals Autoimmune and Rare Diseases
Microsoft		PRIMAL
PURE PROTEIN	Samis	showers pass" Portland Oregon
भाषा Neuroscience	PREPARE TO RIDE	TRAVELER Stem do
	Answers For Every Body	







### APPROXIMATELY **330,000 PEOPLE** PARTICIPATE IN WALK MS EACH YEAR

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