



# CHD WALK<sub>for</sub> HOPE

*Forward, together.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the CHD Coalition?**

The Congenital Heart Defect Coalition (CHD Coalition) is a charitable nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to improve the quality of life for children and adults born with a congenital heart defect or CHD. The three main pillars of our mission are focused on uniting and supporting the CHD community; increasing public awareness; and raising money for lifesaving medical research.

What distinguishes us from other organizations is our commitment to research. Innovative research and emerging medical technologies offer an enormous impact on the survival and long-term care of individuals affected by CHD. This mission is important to us because historically, research specific to CHD has been largely underfunded due to a lack of widespread national awareness.

While research offers the promising potential for improvement and prevention of CHD's, programs that support the community and hospitals deliver an immediate benefit to the families and children. For this reason, the Congenital Heart Defect Coalition is a unique organization that understands the importance of contributing to both.

### **Where does our fundraising go?**

The CHD Coalition is operated and led by volunteers with no salaried employees. Fundraising allows the CHD Coalition to continue to provide exceptional programs to hospitals and families, scholarships, and promote medical research, which ultimately has a direct impact on the lives of everyone affected with congenital heart disease.

The CHD Coalition is \$152,000 away from funding \$1 Million in CHD research! With your help, we can achieve our goal and have an enormous impact on the survival and long-term care of individuals affected by congenital heart disease.

### **What is the CHD Walk for Hope?**

The CHD Walk for Hope is much more than a fundraiser. It is a meaningful event that allows families and friends to rally in support of their CHD Warrior and to honor the Angels who have lost their battle to congenital heart defects. The CHD Coalition was formed under the belief that even when you feel hopeless, you never give up hope. You are not alone on your journey with congenital heart defects.

This amazing event is a celebration. It brings the CHD community together to generate awareness and raise funds for research. By advancing research, survival and long-term medical care are improving. Join us on this special day to unite together and change the future of congenital heart defects. Every dollar we raise, every story we share, every step we take helps.

### Is the 2021 event virtual or in person?

Both! The CHD Coalition is excited to host our annual CHD Walk for Hope in person. Precautions are being made for the health of our families and children. For individuals who are unable to attend in person, we encourage participation and fundraising virtually. The CHD Walk for Hope will be streamed live to our Facebook page on the day of the event.

### 2021 CHD Walk for Hope – when and where

- Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021  
Time: 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM EDT
- Onsite check-in: 10:00am – 10:55am  
Event to start promptly at 11:00 AM
- There will be no onsite registration. All participants need to register online before 12:00pm Saturday, September 25 to be able to attend.
- The location has changed from Darlington Park (previous years) to Overpeck County Park:  
Overpeck County Park Amphitheater  
40 Fort Lee Rd, Leonia, NJ 07605
- There is ample parking available close to the event in the Area III parking lot. Refer to the map below.



## **What precautions are being made related to COVID-19?**

The health and safety of our CHD Warriors and families is of utmost importance. The following modifications will be implemented at this year's event:

- Masks will be required for all participants even for individuals who are full vaccinated from COVID-19; many of the CHD Warriors and siblings are not yet vaccinated.
- Pre-packaged snacks and beverages will be provided.
- There will not be children's games and inflatables, but rather, the kids will enjoy a dance party by our live DJ!
- Due to the change of venue, tables and chairs are not available. Please consider bringing your own folding chair.

Even with these changes, our core purpose of the CHD Walk for Hope has not faltered – unite together to celebrate our Angels and Warriors, honor our Angels with the butterfly ceremony, and to raise funds for life-saving medical research.

## **Event registration**

- Registration fees are as follows:
  - \$25 Adult (ages 17+)
  - \$5 Children (ages 5-16)
  - \$0 Children under 5
  - \$0 CHD Warrior of any age
  - \$15 Virtual Walker (ages 5+)
- A completed registration form is required for all participants. This is required for check-in and access to the event.
- A 2021 CHD Walk for Hope t-shirt is provided to both in-person and virtual registrants while supplies last.
- Virtual Walkers will be prompted during registration for shipping information if unable to pick up from the CHD Coalition office (more details to follow via email and Facebook).

## **Donations**

- Online donations should be assigned to an individual participant.
- The team donation total will be calculated by combining the total donations of all of the team members.
- If you have a check or cash donation, you can mail it to our office along with a note of the team name and the participant who should receive the donation. We will enter the amount into the system for you.

Check donations can be made out to "CHD Coalition" and mailed to  
CHD Coalition  
45 Carey Avenue, Suite 250 #1  
Butler, NJ 07405

## Fundraising gift levels

- The registration fee goes towards the participant's donation amount.
- As a "thank you" for your fundraising efforts, participants who meet the following donation amounts will receive the items listed below.

\$100-\$249	Ceramic mug
\$250-\$749	Event cooler bag
\$750+	Sherpa backed heathered blanket
Top fundraiser	Samsung 50" UHD TV series RU7100

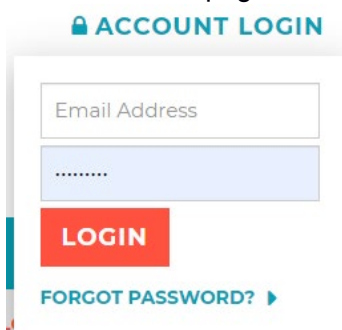
- The top individual fundraiser will be determined on October 31, 2021. Prize levels are for individual's money raised and not the team's total.
- Prizes will be awarded to both in-person attendees and Virtual Walkers.
- We will post more details on prize distribution via email and Facebook.

## CHD Warrior and Angel Posters

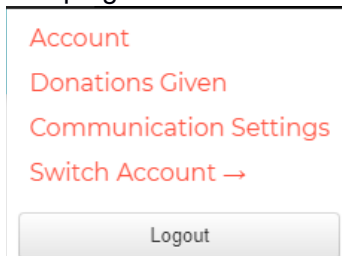
- We encourage you to make a team poster showcasing photos and information about your CHD Warrior or Angel. These will be proudly displayed for all participants to see during the event.
- The posters are to be created by the CHD Warrior and/or family. You can use any size poster paper. Include the person's name, CHD diagnosis, a short story about your family's CHD journey, date of birth, pictures, etc. If you have any questions, please email [info@chdcoalition.org](mailto:info@chdcoalition.org) and we will send you samples.

## Online registration help: change your profile information & picture

- Go to the event page and log into your profile.



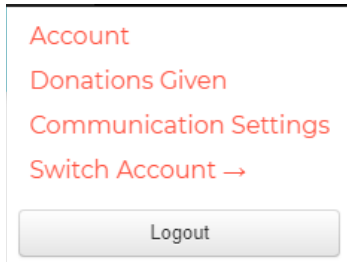
- At top right click on "Welcome, *your name*" and **Account**.



- Click on **Edit Info** button on the left and make the necessary changes to your online profile.



- If you registered another user on their behalf, at top right click on “Welcome, *your name*” and then **Switch Account**. Select the person you want to change then the **Change User** button at bottom.



### Online help: change your personal page

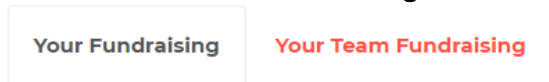
- Login and select the user that you want to update (see above).
- Select the 2021 CHD Walk for Hope event page.
- Click on **View Your Profile** on the right menu bar.

#### YOUR FUNDRAISING

 [View Your Page](#)

### Online help: change your team page

- The team captain will need to login to make changes to the team page.
- Select the 2021 CHD Walk for Hope event page.
- Click on **Your Team Fundraising**



- Click on **View Your Team Page** on the right menu bar.

#### TEAM FUNDRAISING

 [View Your Team Page](#)

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 [Register Another Participant](#)

### Have another question?

Please contact [info@chdcoalition.org](mailto:info@chdcoalition.org) or (973) 850-6320.