JDRF Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes School Program Boasts Another Successful Year!

Pinellas County Steps Up For a Cure!

Last year, the JDRF Tampa Bay Chapter asked schools across the Tampa Bay area to step up and help us raise awareness and funds for type one diabetes (T1D) by taking part in the JDRF Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes school program. Thank you to all of our schools who answered our call for help - over 20 schools throughout the Tampa Bay area participated in the Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes school program, raising over $53,000 for T1D research! Pinellas County Schools truly stepped up to the plate and raised over $38,000 of that total - which means thousands of students and staff members throughout the county were also educated on TID!!! We had several new schools in Pinellas County join us this year, including our top two fundraising schools.

Perkins Elementary School earned top fundraising honors and raised over $9,100 in their first year and Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School was a close second, raising over $7,100! Many thanks to Lakeview Fundamental Elementary School and St. Petersburg Christian School who both had their inaugural Kids Walks this year which were very successful - we hope to have the opportunity to work with all of our new schools again in the upcoming school year!

We also have several schools in Pinellas County that have been participating for two or more years. These schools include Azalea Elementary, Belcher Elementary, Cross Bayou Elementary, Curtis Fundamental Elementary and Sexton Elementary. We truly value the relationships we have with all of these schools and appreciate their continued support!

For more information or to get your school involved, please contact the JDRF Tampa Bay Chapter office at 727-344-2873 or email Dori Rivers at drivers@jdrf.org!!

Benefits for Participating In the JDRF Kids Walk School Program:

✦ Your school receives a check for 10% of your total amount raised to use however you wish!
✦ Students come away with basic knowledge about diabetes, healthy eating/exercise, and the importance of community service. JDRF can provide the educational kick-off assembly for you or we can send everything necessary to do it yourself, on your own schedule.
✦ Encourage Empathy! Most schools have at least one, if not several students living with diabetes ...this is a great way to rally around those children and help their teachers and peers better understand their disease.
✦ Students can earn fun Difference Maker Awards and your school can earn a beautiful, personalized banner of recognition.
✦ The Kids Walk is a great opportunity to get kids active. If you already have a walk scheduled at your school, JDRF staff can recommend other fun, physical events for your students - it doesn’t have to involve a walk! It can also be incorporated into your regularly scheduled PE classes or any running/walking programs or field days you may have on your calendar.
✦ We provide a completely flexible, turnkey program that requires very minimal time from the teachers and school staff.