

2021 Mark Linder Walk for the Mind Registration Information

WHEN/WHERE: Saturday Morning, September, 25, 2021 (Open House Format from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) at the Peoria RiverPlex

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration fees are not refundable and do not guarantee an in-person event. We will be complying with all state and local restrictions in place on the day of the event. There will be no 2021 shirts available at walk-in registration this year. **Registration fees are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.**

Online Registration: Online registration is available through our website www.marklinderwalkforthemind.org. There will be an additional processing fee for online registrations.

Paper Registration: Fill out the attached form and return to Mark Linder Walk for the Mind, P.O. Box 5522, Peoria, IL 61601. **Please ensure your paper registration is received by the 8/20 deadline (not just mailed) if you plan to pick up your shirt prior to the Walk.**

Registration Information: All participants registered before August 20th will have the option of picking up their 2021 Walk for the Mind shirt before the event or having the shirt shipped for \$5. T-shirt pick up will be at the Metro Center (4700 N. University Street, Peoria, IL 61614) on September 18th (2-5 p.m.) AND September 19th (12-3 p.m.). Early pickup is preferred.

Registration Shipping: If you cannot be present for T-Shirt Pick Up, you can have your Shirt(s) shipped for an additional fee of \$5 per shirt. Please note we cannot guarantee that shipped shirts will arrive prior to the Walk on September 25th.

Registration Fees: (Before August 20th)

Adult Walker Registration: (Sm, Med, Lrg, XL) = \$20.00
Adult Walker Registration: (2X-Large) - \$20.00 + \$2.00 = \$22.00

Adult Walker Registration: (3X-Large) - \$20.00 + \$3.00 = \$23.00
Youth Walker Registration: (Size Medium Youth) = \$10:00
Survivor Registration: Free (Any Size)

Late Registration Information (All registrations after August 20th): All participant registrations received after August 20th including Walk-in Registration will receive a 2021 Walk for the Mind T-shirt in the mail after the event.

Late Registration Fees:

Adult Walker Registration: (Sm, Med, Lrg, XL) = \$25.00
Adult Walker Registration: (2X-Large) - \$25.00 + \$2.00 = \$27.00

Adult Walker Registration: (3X-Large) - \$25.00 + \$3.00 = \$28.00
Youth Walker Registration: (Size Medium Youth) = \$15:00
Survivor Registration: \$5 (All Sizes)

WHAT TO EXPECT: Being that Illinois recently fully lifted restrictions from the pandemic, we plan to have an in person event more in line with our typical event. In order to accommodate those that are not yet comfortable with large crowds, the Walk will be a more open schedule format. We will have a virtual program similar to the event from last year for anyone unable to attend. In lieu of our live presentation, we will instead have the virtual program running inside. The raffle will be back this year and tickets for raffle items can be purchased at t-shirt pick up and during the Walk. The raffle winner will be pulled after the event and winners names will be announced on our website and Facebook pages. Pick-up of raffle items will be the following weekend. Memorial Boards, Survivor Boards, the Photobooth, and support message station will all be back this year. Since children cannot currently receive vaccinations, we will not have children's games available.

WALK TRAIL CHOICES: In order to accommodate everyone's varying levels of comfort with larger crowds, we invite our participants to walk the trail at any time instead of waiting for an official start. We still plan to have a survivor group photo (see details below) with the survivor lead out of supporters immediately following. However, if you would prefer to walk the trail at a different time, the trail is open for you throughout the entirety of the event. Our primary goal is to create an event where our participants have the flexibility to participate in a way they are most comfortable.

SURVIVOR GROUP AND/OR INDIVIDUAL PHOTO: While this year's Walk is live again, we recognize that not everyone is comfortable with this option. We feel that using an open-house format will allow full attendance for all who are going out at the time of the Walk while still allowing for "social-distance" if needed. Therefore, this year's survivor photo is scheduled for 9:30 AM on the back steps of the Riverplex as in the past. If you are not comfortable participating in the group photo or are unable to come at that time, we will

take individual photos of all participating survivors to add to a "collage" for our website. If you are a survivor who plans to attend virtually, please forward your photo to: mail@marklinderwalkforthemind.org so that it can be included as well. If at all possible, please wear a survivor shirt for the photo!

After the group photo, any survivors who wish to participate will start as a group leading participants down the walk trail as we traditionally have done in the past.

DONATIONS:

If you would like to make a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes, you can donate online at our website or you can make a check payable to "Mark Linder Walk for the Mind". Please send your donation check to:

Mark Linder Walk for the Mind, P.O. Box 5522, Peoria, IL 61601

CROWDFUNDED TEAMS: Crowdfunded teams are back this year. We will again use Race Roster to create teams. Links to teams can be shared on social media. Team leaders can also collect donations which can be mailed in via regular mail. Please ensure checks clearly indicate which team a donation is for so that it can be recorded correctly. Additionally, if it is easier to operate your team via a fundraiser on Facebook without creating your team on Race Roster, we would appreciate if team leaders keeps a listing of all donations. Please submit the list of donors names and amounts after the fundraiser to mail@marklinderwalkforthemind.org if possible. All team donations totaling over \$300 are eligible for recognition on the 2021 Walk shirt. To be included please visit our website and submit a donor recognition form.

DONOR RECOGNITION (PREVIOUSLY SPONSORSHIP): Donor recognition on the back of the shirt has expanded this year. Outside fundraisers, crowdfunded teams, and group donations may be eligible for inclusion on the walk shirt. Please visit www.marklinderwalkforthemind.org to obtain detailed information and the Donor Recognition Form. Deadline for submission of the form is 08/20/2021.

Eligibility:

- Donation amounts will be calculated from donations made between 08/21/2020-08/20/2021.
- Registration fees do not count as donations. If an individual donation is counted towards a team total, it cannot also be recognized again as an individual donation on the annual Walk shirt.
- Crowdfunding Team Donations are eligible for recognition on the walk shirt. If an individual donation is counted towards a team total, it cannot also be recognized again as an individual donation on the annual Walk shirt.
- Outside Organized Fundraisers raising over \$300 with proceeds going to the Mark Linder Walk for the Mind are eligible for recognition on the annual Walk shirt.
- This form must be received by 08/20/2021.

EMPLOYER MATCHING GRANTS: Participation in donor recognition is not intended to prevent any donor from applying for a fund-matching grant if eligible to do so with their employer. If your employer offers a donation matching grant, the Walk for the Mind is happy to provide any necessary documentation to assist with completing that process.

HELP US RECOGNIZE YOUR SURVIVORS AND DEARLY DEPARTED WARRIORS in our program

Please send us photos of your survivor or departed loved ones for our Facebook Album. These photos will be included as part of our virtual program. Send photos to: amanda@marklinderwalkforthemind.org

QUESTIONS: Please Contact Stacie Hansen, (309)229-8324 or chair@marklinderwalkforthemind.org

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