

April 2024

Dear Family, Friends, and Business Associates:

We can't believe that it has been two years since our last walk. Time sure flies!

This May will be 17 years since Dave was diagnosed with PD. Even though the disease is causing more issues than before, Dave continues to fight against it, despite a diagnosis of bladder cancer in November 2022. He is currently cancer free and is receiving follow-up treatment. He has become more involved in exercise, which by the way, is the only known factor to slow progression of PD. Dave partakes in the Wellness Program sponsored by Parkinson Partners of NW PA, as well as exercises on YouTube and also walking with Patty. He has been a volunteer through a program at Gannon University that enables OT and PT students to learn about neurological disorders such as PD, that they may not see in a hospital setting. We have both become more involved with Parkinson Partners and the programs they offer. These include social activities, exercise programs and support groups. We have made new friends that share in our same journey.

At our last walk we raised over \$30,000!! We have now raised over \$100,000 since we started this walk. Thanks to all of your generous donations. The money raised remains in our local Parkinson Partners to support all the programming they offer.

Please join our family in the **Dave Cooney Parkinson Awareness Walk**. The walk will take place on **Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10 a.m.** (registration starts at 9 a.m.) at **Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, PA**. There will be different walk routes available including 1 mile and 3 miles. Please note that the roads will not be closed for the walk so please walk on the right-hand side of the road both going out and coming back. We need to keep a lane open for emergency vehicles and residents. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We have included a registration form with all the details of the walk. Please complete **one form per participant**. The walk will be held rain or shine. If you wish to make an additional donation, please include that with your registration or enclose a separate check. If you include the donation with the registration fee, please indicate the donation amount on a note so Parkinson Partners can properly receipt you for your donation as registration fees are not tax deductible. Checks can be made payable to **PARKINSON PARTNERS OF NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA**. Please note in memo section The Dave Cooney Parkinson Awareness Walk. This year you will also be able to register for the walk on line. Go to [www.parkinsonpartners.org](http://www.parkinsonpartners.org) and look for the link for Dave Cooney Walk.

For business associates, please review our sponsorship opportunities to see if one will work for you. All sponsorships include having your logo on the walk t-shirt. If you are interested, please email your logo to [johnnyboy@fasttimes.us](mailto:johnnyboy@fasttimes.us). The logos must be a vector (preferred format) or PDF file. Registration forms and payment must be received by **Monday, June 3, 2024** to guarantee a t-shirt.

Words cannot express how thankful we are for the outpouring of support towards Parkinson Awareness and specifically our husband, father, and Papa. This support continues to give Dave the strength, encouragement and drive to battle this disease while minimizing symptoms.

With Love and Gratitude,

The Dave Cooney Family  
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