

“Walk for Hope 2023”

Frequently Asked Questions

Don't see your question answered below? Email sharon@gorgehope.org or call 541-296-0650

Q: What is the Hope Medical Walk for Hope?

A: Hope Medical Walk for Hope is a family- friendly annual event where Hope Medical staff, volunteers, friends, advocates, and community partners gather to raise awareness and funding for those facing unsupported pregnancy in our area.

Q: Why should you participate?

- A: 1. Your participation brings awareness to others of Hope Medical's ministry in a positive way.
2. You join with others serving to transform our community in Jesus' name.
3. Your financial support goes directly to support vulnerable families in the Gorge.

Q: Is this a political event?

A: No, this is not a political event. Hope Medical does not have any political ties. This event is focused on raising awareness, the services we offer, and the financial support needed to continue bringing compassionate care to vulnerable women, men, and pre-born babies in our area.

Registration

Q: How do I register?

A: Go to our website www.hopemedical.org/events and click the “**Events**” button. Then follow through the steps to register. You may participate as an individual, join a team or create your own. You can register yourself or choose to register others in your household. **Please note that if you choose to register additional people with you in the same registration form, they will not receive their own fundraising page.** If you and your family members would like to fundraise and/or join a team to fundraise, each of you will need to complete separate registration forms.

Q: Who needs to register?

A: We encourage everyone to register, even small children, whether they are fundraising or not. This allows us to have more accurate counts for food and participants.

Q: I want to participate, but I'm busy that day. What can I do?

A: When you register on givebutter.com/walk2023, choose donate (the royal blue box). Follow the prompts to fill out “Your Story”. You should explain to your sponsors that you will not be walking the official course but that you will be walking a custom course of your choosing. For example, you might walk around the High School track X number of times or walk around your neighborhood.

Q: I'm planning to fundraise offline; do I still need to register?

A: Yes! If you don't register ahead of the event online, you will not receive important communications from us. You also won't be able to keep track of your total by adding your offline donations to your fundraising page. To register go online to www.hopemedical.org/events or givebutter.org/walk2023.

Donations/Sponsorship

All sponsorships that participants receive are tax-deductible. Hope Medical is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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Any sponsorships that are not received online through the fundraising website can be mailed to us or processed over the phone. For individual participants or teams to be credited, please indicate who is being sponsored. Please mail all offline gifts to our address:

Hope Medical Clinic

Atten: Walk for Hope

1942 12th Street

Hood River, OR 97031

Q: Can someone pledge to sponsor me? How can I make sure Hope Medical receives the money?

A: We do encourage you to get payment in-person as much as possible. The Sponsor Contact List that has been provided should be used to keep track of your sponsors. It is important to get your sponsors' phone number and email. The Sponsor Contact List has columns to record your correspondence with your sponsor and when you receive payment. Payments may be turned in to Hope Medical at the After Party on 10/7/23. However, sponsors can pledge to sponsor you and Hope Medical can take payment over the phone. Our phone number is: **541-386-1050 or 541-296-0650**.

Fundraising and Prizes

Q: Will my offline sponsorships be counted in my overall total?

A: Yes! Your total sponsorships will be counted at the After Party on the day of the Walk.

Q: Do I have to raise a minimum amount to participate?

A: Nope. Registration is free, we don't require anyone to fundraise, but to make the most impact for the ministry, please consider making a personal donation or fundraising. If you register before September 30th, you will receive a free T-Shirt (limited to stock on hand).

Q: I registered, now what should I do?

A: We recommend you start customizing your fundraising page ASAP! Upload your picture and write the story of why you are participating. Stop by our office or see your church's Hope Liaison for a Walk for Hope guide.

Q: Will there be rewards for top earners?

A: Yes! We provide prizes for various categories and they are awarded at the After Party. The After Party will be at Jackson Park from 12:00-2:00. There will be music, games and food available. If you are unable to attend the After Party and have money from sponsors, please bring it to one of our offices.

General

Q: Are you selling T-shirts?

A: T-shirts will be on sale at the After Party for \$25, limited to stock on hand.

Q: Can I bring a stroller and walk with it?

A: Yes, the course is stroller accessible, we do recommend a jogging stroller for a better experience. This is a family-friendly event, and we want all family members to participate.

Q: Can I bring my dog to the event?

A: Dogs are allowed but must be leashed.

Q: Where do I park?

A: There is parking at Mosier Totem Pole Plaza as well as at Jackson Park near the pool.