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AIDS Walk New York Returns to Central Park May 15 with a New Route, and 4-Mile Run

Participants can register for the Walk or Run at ny.aidswalk.net

UPDATES!

New York, NY—On Sunday, May 15, AIDS Walk New York will bring together thousands of people to raise millions of dollars for GMHC and other tri-state area AIDS service organizations. After being held as a virtual event over the past two years due to COVID-19 restrictions, AIDS Walk New York will return to Central Park. Participants will have a choice of a four-mile walk or four-mile run both with a new route entirely through Central Park.

“We are thrilled to be returning to Central Park,” said **Kishani C. Moreno**, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer. “AIDS Walk New York is one of the city’s largest and most diverse community events. It continues to bring together thousands of caring people in a powerful demonstration of compassion and action. It recognizes the important accomplishments we have made over the years, while shining a light on the work we still need to do to end the HIV epidemic.”

The Opening Ceremony, kicking off at 9:15 am, will feature celebrity participants such as **Jordan Barrow** (Wicked), **Shoshana Bean** (Waitress), **Gabby Beans** (The Skin Of Our Teeth), **Erich Bergen** (Madam Secretary), **Krystal Joy Brown** (Motown: The Musical), **Dominic Fumusa** (Nurse Jackie), **Emily Alyn Lind** (Gossip Girls), **J. Harrison Ghee** (Kinky Boots), **Carrie Preston** (The Good Fight), **Dennis Stowe** (Aladdin), **Myra Lucretia Taylor** (Tina: The Tina Musical), **L. Steven Taylor** (The Lion King), **Jason Veasey** (A Strange

Loop), **Emily Walton** (Come From Away), and **D. Woods** (for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf).

Elected Officials and representatives who will be featured include **NYC Council Member Erik Bottcher, Irak Cehonski (Office of NYC Council Member Carlina Rivera), NYC HRA Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline Dudley, NYS Senator Brad Hoylman, Joseph Kerwin (Deputy Director, NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute), Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, U.S. Representative Jerrold Nadler, and NYC Council Member Nantasha Williams.**

Upon their return from the route, fundraising participants will be treated to a Post-Walk Dance Party at the Bandshell, along with free HIV testing and community information.

“The vital funds raised will benefit GMHC’s services and programs for people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS,” added **Moreno**. “In the past two years during the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a substantial increase of need for groceries, housing, mental health and substance use counseling—and more. GMHC works to address the health disparities including racism, homophobia, transphobia, poverty, stigma, discrimination, and lack of access to quality health care, which create barriers in accessing support and care.”

There is no fee to join in the AIDS Walk. Participants are encouraged to raise as much as they can from family, friends, and co-workers. To learn more and to register, visit ny.aidswalk.net.

The event’s presenting sponsor is **ViiV Healthcare**. Premier Sponsor is **Gilead**. Grand Sponsor is **Mesmerize**. Principal Sponsors are **Audacy, Barclays, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Druckenmiller Foundation, the Keith Haring Foundation, PepsiCo, and Tito’s Vodka**.

More information:

What: AIDS Walk New York

When: Sunday, May 15; 8:15 am Run Starts; 8:30 am Sign-in, 9:15 am Opening Ceremony at the Bandshell, 10:00 am Walk Begins

Where: Central Park; enter at 72nd Street from either 5th Avenue or Central Park West

[Venue Map](#)

[Route Map](#)

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About GMHC

GMHC was founded in 1982 as the world’s first HIV and AIDS service organization. Our mission is to fight to end the AIDS epidemic and uplift the lives of all affected. We serve New Yorkers living with and affected by HIV and AIDS with comprehensive, client-centered, psychosocial programs that address the structural drivers of the HIV and AIDS epidemic including HIV/STI testing; referrals for PrEP and PEP; meals and nutrition; housing; legal and immigration support; workforce development; benefits advocacy;

and mental health and substance use treatment. GMHC also advocates for stronger public policies at the local, state and federal levels. For more information, visit www.gmhc.org.

About AIDS Walk New York

Since 1986, AIDS Walk New York has raised more than \$163 million for HIV programs and services in the tri-state area--and has grown into the largest AIDS fundraising event in the world. For more information, please visit ny.aidswalk.net.

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