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THOUSANDS TO GATHER IN GOLDEN GATE PARK THIS SUNDAY, JULY 14 FOR AIDS WALK SAN FRANCISCO

Carson Kressley, ABC7's Dan Ashley, *NCIS Los Angeles's* Barrett Foa, the First Ladies of Disco, *RuPaul's Drag Race* star Monet X Change, and more will make appearances

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (July 8, 2019) – Thousands of people are expected to gather in Golden Gate Park at this Sunday's 33rd annual AIDS Walk San Francisco (AWSF) to support people living with HIV/AIDS, confront homelessness, help feed people in need, and protect the health and dignity of all members of the community.

The 10-kilometer Walk begins and ends in Golden Gate Park. ABC7 lead anchor **Dan Ashley** will host the Opening Ceremony in Robin Williams Meadow, where celebrities will include **Barrett Foa** (*NCIS Los Angeles*), Tony winner **John Lloyd Young** (*Jersey Boys*), **Ryan Jamaal Swain** (*Pose*), actress and activist **Meredith Baxter** (*Family Ties*), and more.

A Post-Walk Show, also in Robin Williams Meadow, will be held for all participants and will feature TV personality **Carson Kressley** (*RuPaul's Drag Race*) and performances by the **First Ladies of Disco**: Grammy winner **Thelma Houston** ("Don't Leave Me This Way"), two-time Grammy nominee **Martha Wash** ("It's Raining Men"), and **Norma Jean Wright** (formerly of CHIC, *Everybody Dance*); **Dan Ashley**; and **Monet X Change** (*RuPaul's Drag Race*). Participants who have raised \$200 or more will enjoy access to an exclusive VIP lounge, including posh front row seats and complimentary food, soft drinks, beer, and wine. Participants who have raised \$300 will get access to the VIP lounge for themselves, plus a guest.

The Premier Sponsor of AIDS Walk San Francisco 2019 is **Gilead**. The Walk's Grand Sponsors are **ABC7** and **Quest Diagnostics**. Principal Sponsors are **BIO-RAD**, **Chevron**, **ViiV Healthcare**, and **Wells Fargo**. Major sponsors include **Gap Inc.**, **Levi Strauss & Co.**, **SF Examiner**, and **SF Weekly**. Supporting Sponsors are **HP**, **MyHardBelly**, **Redwood Credit Union**, and **Williams-Sonoma, Inc.** Event Sponsors are **A Black Tie Affair**, **Golden 1 Credit Union**, **Merck**, **Recology**, and **Seyfarth Shaw LLP**. **Macy's** is the Aerobic Warm-Up and Finish Line Sponsor.

Since 1987, AWSF has raised more than \$90 million for a variety of Bay Area HIV/AIDS care, prevention services, and advocacy organizations and has long been Northern California's largest AIDS fundraising event. This year's Walk benefits **PRC**, **Project Open Hand**, and the **POP-UP Clinic at Ward 86**, as well as dozens of other Bay Area HIV/AIDS Service organizations.

Walk maps, key locations, and more information here: <https://sf.aidswalk.net/Day-of-Event-Info>

DETAILS:

WHAT:

33rd annual AIDS Walk San Francisco

WHERE:

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA. (Day-of information and maps here: <https://sf.aidswalk.net/Day-of-Event-Info>)

WHEN:

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Day-of schedule:

8:00 a.m. Star Walker VIP Breakfast begins
8:30 a.m. Sign-In Opens
9:00 a.m. **Media check-in** (RSVP to Cub Barrett, listed above): All media can check in next to the AIDS Walk stage in Robin Williams Meadow. Enter at Martin Luther King Drive off Kezar.
9:35 a.m. Macy's Aerobic Warm-Up
9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony and Rally (at the stage in Robin Williams Meadow)
10:30 a.m. AIDS Walk San Francisco begins
12:00 p.m. Post-Walk Show and Finish Line festivities begin

WHO:

Thousands of participants are expected to attend. The landmark event benefits **PRC, Project Open Hand**, the **POP-UP Clinic at Ward 86**, and dozens of other local AIDS service organizations that provide HIV/AIDS care, prevention services, and advocacy throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Confirmed celebrity guests: **Carson Kressley** (*RuPaul's Drag Race*), **Barrett Foa** (*NCIS Los Angeles*), Tony Award winner **John Lloyd Young** (*Jersey Boys*), **Ryan Jamaal Swain** (*Pose*), ABC7 lead anchor **Dan Ashley**, actress and activist **Meredith Baxter** (*Family Ties*), and more.

Special performances: The **First Ladies of Disco**—Grammy winner **Thelma Houston** ("Don't Leave Me This Way"), two-time Grammy nominee **Martha Wash** ("It's Raining Men"), and **Norma Jean Wright** (formerly of CHIC, "Everybody Dance")—**Monet X Change** (*RuPaul's Drag Race*), and **Dan Ashley**.

MORE INFO:

For information about participating in or making a contribution to AIDS Walk San Francisco, please call 415.615.9255 (WALK), or visit sf.aidswalk.net. There is no registration fee.

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About AIDS Walk San Francisco: Since 1987, AIDS Walk San Francisco has raised more than \$90 million for lifesaving HIV prevention, testing, and care programs and services, and has grown into the largest AIDS fundraising event in Northern California. AIDS Walk San Francisco has become a Bay Area tradition, bringing together tens of thousands of participants and volunteers; hundreds of corporate, community, and friends and family teams; and hundreds of thousands of donors from the Bay Area and across the country. This year's event benefits [PRC](#), [Project Open Hand](#), the [POP-UP Clinic at Ward 86](#), and many other Bay Area AIDS service organizations, and is a project of ACRIA. The event was founded by Craig R. Miller and his organization of activists, MZA Events. For more information, visit sf.aidswalk.net.