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

Stars of *RuPaul's Drag Race*, renowned R&B artist Deborah Cox, ABC-7's Dan Ashley, *NCIS Los Angeles*'s Barrett Foa, and *Younger*'s Nico Tortorella among celebrities who will appear

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (July 11, 2018) – Thousands of people are expected to gather in Golden Gate Park at this Sunday's 32nd annual AIDS Walk San Francisco (AWSF), both in support of people living with HIV/AIDS and to defend the dignity and equality of vulnerable populations everywhere.

The 10-kilometer Walk begins and ends in Golden Gate Park. Celebrities at the Opening Ceremony in Robin Williams Meadow will include **Barrett Foa** (*NCIS Los Angeles*), **Nico Tortorella** (*Younger*), **Dale Soules** (*Orange is the New Black*), ABC-7 news anchor **Dan Ashley**, and more.

A Post-Walk Show, also in Robin Williams Meadow, will be held for all participants and will be co-hosted by **Nico Tortorella**, fitness celebrity **Bethany Meyers**, and *RuPaul's Drag Race* star **Alexis Michelle**, with celebrity performances by **Deborah Cox**, **Dan Ashley**, and other *RuPaul's Drag Race* stars **The Vixen**, **Milk**, **Delta Work**, and **ChiChi DeVayne**. 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.

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 **ACRIA**, **PRC**, and **Project Open Hand**, 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:

32nd 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 15, 2018

Day-of schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. Macy's Star Walker VIP Breakfast begins
8:30 a.m. **Media check-in** (please RSVP to Cub Barrett, listed above): All media can check in next to the AIDS Walk stage in Robin Williams Meadow. Due to limited space, only satellite vans will be allowed parking. Enter at Martin Luther King Drive off Kezar.
9:30 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
11:30 a.m. Finish Line festivities begin
12:45 p.m. Post-Walk Show begins

WHO:

Thousands of participants are expected to attend. The landmark event benefits **ACRIA, PRC, Project Open Hand**, 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: **Barrett Foa** (*NCIS Los Angeles*), **Nico Tortorella** (*Younger*), **Dale Soules** (*Orange is the New Black*), **Dan Ashley** (ABC-7 News), **Bethany Meyers** (fitness celebrity), and more.

Special celebrity performances: **Deborah Cox**, **RuPaul's Drag Race** stars **Alexis Michelle**, **The Vixen**, **Milk**, **Delta Work**, and **ChiChi DeVayne**, 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. year's event benefits [ACRIA](#), [PRC](#), [Project Open Hand](#), and many other Bay Area AIDS service organizations. The event was founded by Craig R. Miller and his organization of activists, MZA Events. For more information, visit sf.aidswalk.net.