

On March 5, I get to go to the Autism Speaks Walk!

It will be **so much FUN** and **such a SPECIAL day** for my family and me!

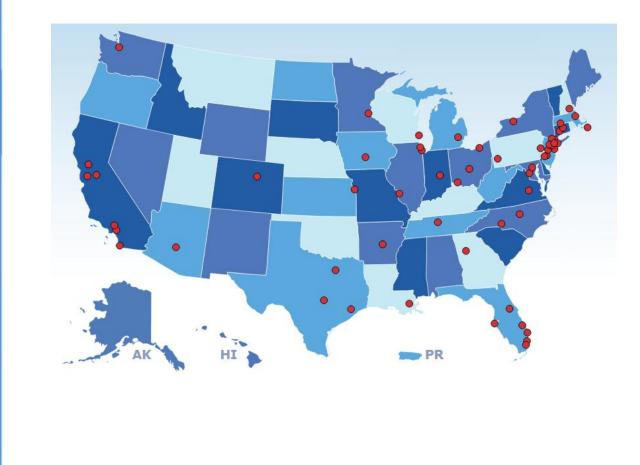




Autism Speaks Walks bring the community together to have fun and raise money that goes towards helping people with autism of all ages with lots of different strengths and abilities!







Autism Speaks Walks take place all across the United States – almost 60 different places!





# My Walk will be at the Meyer Amphitheatre in downtown West Palm Beach.





# Meyer Amphitheatre is a big open field/concert venue where lots of special events happen!





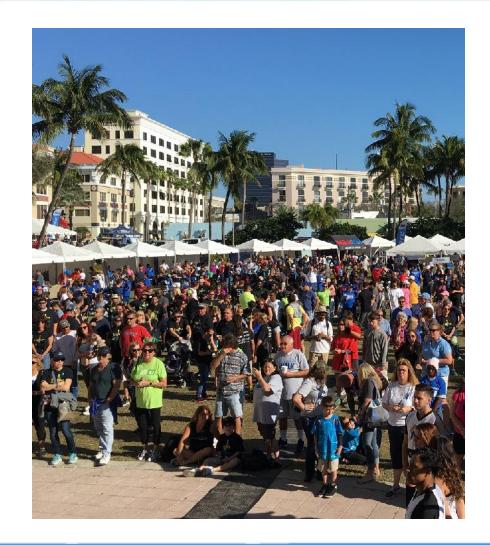






I will drive to the Walk with my family or I can take the bus. I will make sure to hold hands with someone when we walk from the parking garage or the bus stop to the Walk!

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### When I get to the Walk, I will see lots of tents, signs and people.







First we will go to the registration tent, where there might be a line because lots of people will be there to turn in the donations they raised to help people with autism. Once we get signed in, it's time to have fun!



#### At the registration table, all of the Walk participants will get a very cool blue pom poms!









Some people will get t-shirts in line if they raise a certain amount of money from their family and friends for the Autism Speaks Walk!





My Walk might even have 10,000 people there! That is a LOT of people who are getting together to have fun and help out.



There will be a lot of fun games and activities that I can try if I want to. It's okay if I would rather not play though. I can just rest with my family too.









Some of the fun games include dancing, arts and crafts, an activity tent and lots more!







The Walk will also have people dressed up in costumes. I don't need to be scared though, even though some might have masks or face paint on. They are all very nice people who are trying to help everyone laugh and have fun!



I can even take a photo with them if I want to!





There are lots of different noises at the Walk, like announcements and maybe some nice music. But I can wear my headphones or go to a quiet tent where I will feel more comfortable. A nice volunteer can show me where to go.







Water and snacks like granola bars and fruit will be there if I get hungry or thirsty. I can also bring my own snacks and drinks if I want to.





The Walk will happen even if it's raining. If it does rain, I might have to wear a raincoat or boots, or hold an umbrella.







At the Walk there will be a big stage where there will be people speaking. There might even be a few people who sing and dance! I can sing and dance if I want to!



Before the Walk starts, there will be a mission moment where all of the people will move our pom poms in different ways to celebrate how autism is special to us. Then we will all raise them together before the countdown to the Walk begins!



When the Walk starts, we will move to the starting line and walk around the Meyer Amphitheatre with all of the people. A cool car called the South Florida Ford Pace Car will lead the Walk!





The Walk is 2 miles and will take about 45 minutes. I can walk as quickly or as slowly as I want

to!

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I will hold a grown up's hand and stay close to my family during the Walk. If I get lost, there will be lots of helpers to help me find my family. I will go to the stage or look for one of the nice volunteers who will be wearing blue t-shirts.







Along the way, there will be lots of people cheering my family and me on as we walk. When the Walk is over, I can go back and play more games, watch the performers on stage or can just go home!

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### I am so excited to go to the Autism Speaks Walk. It will be a lot of fun!

