



Tampa Bay Autism Speaks Walk
Saturday, April 22, 2017
Raymond James Stadium North Parking Lot



Check-In / Registration Opens at 9:00 a.m. | Opening Ceremonies: 10:00am
| Walk begins at 10:30 a.m.
Walk Distance: ~2 miles

The Walk takes place rain or shine!
SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY.

Not registered yet? There's still time!

Register today and encourage team members to register online. You can register and view updated Walk Day information by visiting www.autismspeakswalk.org



WHAT IS AUTISM SPEAKS WALK?

Autism Speaks Walk is powered by the love of parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, relatives and support providers for people with autism. With every step you take and every dollar you raise, you help enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT

1. *Planning begins well before Walk day.* To have a successful Walk, we ask all of our participants to register online and begin fundraising as early as possible to fuel the mission of Autism Speaks. Register at **AutismSpeakWalk.org**
2. Arriving at Walk Day you will go through our registration area. Here you can check in or register, receive your "Mission Moment" pom pom and pick up your *T-Shirt, Tribute Medallion* and/or *Grand Club Pin* (based on fundraising level attained). At this time, you have an opportunity to make/turn in any additional donations.
3. As you enter the Walk, you will notice that the staging area leading up to the *Opening Ceremonies* is festive yet sensory friendly. Light music will be playing, there will be announcements from the stage, small sensory friendly activities, an *Autism Speaks Resource Tent* and *Corporate Sponsor* area. This is really a time for you and your team members to join together and celebrate the reason you are walking with Autism Speaks!
4. **Opening Ceremonies** will begin exactly one hour after registration opens. It is a short, 15-minute program in which we host a very special **Mission Moment** that unites us all in the *Power of Love*. You will want to have the blue pom pom you received at registration handy to use during the opening ceremony.
5. After our special *Mission Moment Ceremony* there will be a sensory friendly countdown and the Walk will begin. Most Walk routes are 2-3 miles and all are family-friendly and noncompetitive so you can walk as little or as much as you wish!
6. When you return from walking there will be additional special family activities in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

TIPS FOR A GREAT WALK DAY

Before you arrive:

- **Please convert all cash to checks** made payable to **AUTISM SPEAKS** along with a corresponding donation form so we are able to credit the donor and acknowledge them for their generosity. Write your name and team name in the memo section of the check to insure proper credit! If you have received a check made payable to you, please write a check to **AUTISM SPEAKS** for the amount of the donation.
- Your team and individual walker totals will appear on the website within 6 weeks after the Walk.

What to do once you arrive:

1. Register or Check in at the Registration Tent (Registering online before the Walk allows participants to go through the Express Check-In line at the Registration tent!)
EVERYONE is required to register on-line or at the Walk.
You will receive your Mission Moment Pom-Pom at the Registration tent.
 - a. Walkers who **individually** collect or raise
 - i. \$150 or more will receive an Autism Speaks Walk T-shirt ticket at Registration. (Please note: T-shirts will only be available at the Walk on Walk Day, first come first serve basis for sizes). T-shirt tickets can be exchanged for one t-shirt at the T-shirt Tent
 - ii. \$500 or more will receive a Tribute Medallion
 - iii. \$1000 or more will received a Grand Club Pin
2. Stop by the Autism Speaks Resource Tent, visit our Sponsor booths.
3. Visit the Sensory Friendly Activities area near the stage
4. At 10:00am head to the Stage for the sensory friendly Opening Ceremonies
5. Walk!
 - a. Where is the Walk route?
 - i. The Walk route is around the outside of the stadium. The walk is 3 laps around the stadium making it about 2 miles long.
6. Join us at the After Party near the stage for more fun!

Water will be available.

Most importantly have a great day and enjoy the **2017 Tampa Bay Autism Speaks Walk!**

Visit www.autismspeakswalk.org for last minute Walk Day details.

PLEASE SEND ANY DONATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE WALK TO

Keep your fundraising efforts going even after the Walk.

It is not too late to boost your walk team totals – EVEN AFTER THE WALK - and raise more money for Autism Speaks! Sign-in to your Fundraising Center to access your personal webpage and share your story and Walk day experience. Online donations can be made securely via credit card and the donations will continue to boost your team totals even higher. Donations through the month of April & May will count toward your totals!

Autism Speaks
Walk Donations Department – Tampa Bay
1060 State Road, 2nd Floor
Princeton, NJ 08540

Before you send the donation, don't forget to download an offline donation form from your Fundraising Center. Put your full name and "TAMPA BAY" in the memo section of all checks.

DIRECTIONS & MAP

FROM THE NORTH

I-75 to I-275 South to Himes Avenue North or North Dale Mabry.

FROM THE SOUTH (SARASOTA AND BRADENTON)

I-75 to I-4 West to I-275 South to Himes Avenue North or North Dale Mabry. Or I-75 North to I-275 North to North Dale Mabry. Stadium is approximately one mile north of I-275, between Himes and Dale Mabry.

FROM THE EAST (ORLANDO)

I-4 West to I-275 South to Himes Avenue North or North Dale Mabry. Stadium is approximately one mile north of I-275, between Himes and Dale Mabry. Or I-4 West to Hillsborough Avenue West or Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard West.

FROM THE WEST

I-275 to North Dale Mabry. Or Highway 60 East to Spruce Street East to North Dale Mabry. Stadium is approximately one mile north of I-275, between Himes and Dale Mabry.

PARKING

Free parking is available on-site. Parking is in Lots 2 & 4.

