



DUCKY DASH

A cartoon illustration of a yellow duck wearing red sneakers, running to the right. The duck is positioned to the right of the 'DUCKY DASH' text.

5K & Human Duck Derby for Neurofibromatosis

SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL



QUACK FOR A CURE MAY 18, 2024!

Lake Herrick in Wheaton, IL

WELCOME

KIM BISCHOFF

Executive Director



Imagine that you are a parent of a child diagnosed with NF —

Neurofibromatosis. NF is a set of complex genetic disorders that affects almost every organ system, causing a predisposition for tumors to grow on nerves in the brain and throughout the body. Imagine you are that parent and are told that there are currently no effective treatments. In some cases surgery can be helpful to alleviate pain and disfiguring tumors. Imagine that there are no NF specialists in the state where you live and you do not know where to take your child for knowledgeable treatment. Imagine the isolation and fear of the unknown since you have not met any other individuals or families living with NF. Imagine there was no federal funding available for the hope that medical research on NF provides.



Why Sponsor Us

The NF Network is the national leader in the promotion of federally-funded NF research. We bring the voices of the NF community directly to Congress each year to secure desperately needed funds for NF research. In addition, the NF Network produces educational materials, newsletters and meetings for adults and children to help them understand NF. We also combat social isolation by providing a hotline for NF questions, community events and spreading awareness. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, so your contributions are tax deductible and also what keeps us around for when the next NF family calls.

Our Mission:

"Is to find treatments and a cure for neurofibromatosis by promoting scientific research, improving clinical care, providing outreach through education and awareness, while offering hope and support to those affected by NF. "



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ABOUT US



The NF Network was founded in 1988 by a group of people who were in some way affected by neurofibromatosis. We are the leading national organization advocating for federal funding for NF research and building and supporting NF communities. The NF Network's goal is to eradicate the health issues, pain, isolation and uncertainty that the diagnosis of NF inflicts. The NF Network provides opportunities for local NF organizations to share experiences. The network is a dynamic and growing open space for shared resources, development of new tools, and creation of innovative programs. It brings together groups from around the country to speak as one voice on national issues.



Providing seed grants for NF researchers

Funding research that generates new ideas that become eligible for larger-scale research projects



Patient outreach through physician referrals



Opportunities for individual participation

with NF researchers, clinical trials, clinicians at scientific meetings and medical conferences



EVENT SCHEDULE

The Ducky Dash will be a fun filled day where participants are encouraged to dress up to represent spring. Small ducky rafts will be provided to “adoptable ducks” (AKA 5K runners) who will run for prizes. People will also enjoy games and community.



8-9 AM

Check-in begins. Participants receive packets, mingle and hear announcements



9 AM

The race begins! Runners “adoptable ducks” will be sent out first. The second wave of fun runners and walkers will be released second.



10 AM

The relay race begins!



11 PM

Event wraps up with medals, raffle winners announced, and games .



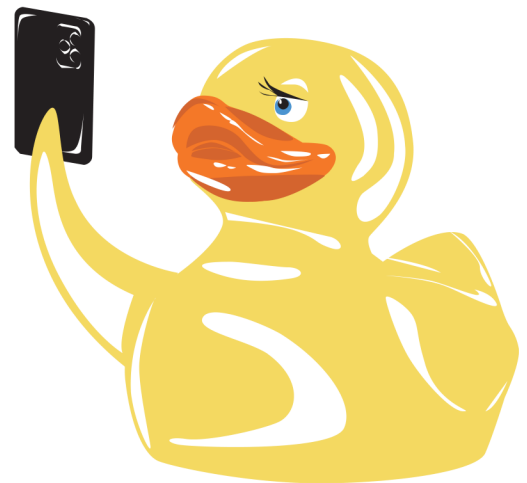
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WHAT IS DUCKY DASH?

Ducky Dash 5K is all about Running (or Walking) and supporting the neurofibromatosis community! Join us for an exciting "rubber ducky race themed" event that features the gorgeous views of Herrick Lake! Participants will have a chance to "adopt" their favorite "duck" AKA runner to win a prize! Come and cheer on your "duck"! Adopt multiple ducks to increase your odds. Whether your runner comes in first or not, you are still creating hope for people living with neurofibromatosis! All of our runner/walker duckies can score some awesome race/walk swag, including gift cards, a medal, Race T, and finish line treats! The Ducky Dash is timed and scored by Race Time.

After the run/walk there will be an awards ceremony and ducky games for the whole family. In addition to raffle winners, prizes will be awarded for the best ducky costume and the most likes using #DuckFaceForNF.



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SPONSOR PACKAGES

We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization! EIN: 04-3030760



Swag Bag Sponsor \$3000

- Logo on all swag bags handed out to runners and walkers
- 3rd tier logo on back of T-shirt
- Up to 10 free registrations
- 1 social media shout out



Gift Card Sponsor \$1000 Value

- 3rd tier logo on back of T-shirt
- Your gift card goes to all the first place bidders!
- Up to 5 free registrations
- 1 social media shout out



Raft Sponsor \$2000

- Logo on duck rafts. Logo is a large permanent waterproof decal.
- 3rd tier logo on back of T-shirt
- Up to 10 free registrations
- 1 social media shout out
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Ducky Sponsor \$500

- Logo on 250 2" giveaway promo rubber ducks (1 available)
- 1 social media shout out



T-Shirt Sponsor \$1500

- 3rd tier logo on back of T-shirt
- Up to 5 free registrations
- 1 social media shout out



Community Sponsor \$500

- 4th tier logo on T-shirt (4 available)
- 1 social media shout out



In-kind Donation

- Your business will be displayed next to your donation
- 1 social media shout out



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