

# The Fundraiser Formerly Known as AIDS Walk

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Changes are afoot in our nation's capital. After 27 years, AIDS Walk Washington is now renamed The Walk to End HIV. Slated for October 25, the annual event benefits Whitman-Walker Health and over 20 other groups in the DC area.

"This name change reflects a cataclysmic shift to what HIV is today—a chronic, manageable disease," says Don Blanchon, executive director of Whitman-Walker. "Historically, the term AIDS was about a plague [that was] almost certain death for those diagnosed. Thankfully, this has changed dramatically. Now, addressing the HIV epidemic is about caring for the health and well-being of the whole person."

POZ Poll:

Should AIDS Walk fundraisers be renamed?

54% - Yes

46% - No

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