The Fundraiser Formerly Known as AIDS Walk

September 23, 2014 By Trent Straube

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

© 2026 Smart + Strong All Rights Reserved.
http://beta.docker.poz.com/article/walk-to-end-HIV-26205-1225