

NASHVILLE CARES

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JOIN NASHVILLE CARES FOR THE 33RD ANNUAL NASHVILLE AIDS WALK & 5K RUN! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT SHELBY PARK 6:45 AM Registration Opens | 7:30 AM Start Time

Support Tennessee's Longest-Running HIV Fundraiser & Effort to End the Epidemic

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Sept. 25, 2024) – Join Nashville CARES in the fight against HIV/AIDS at the 33rd Annual Nashville AIDS Walk & 5K Run presented by NPS Pharmacy on **Saturday, October 19, 2024**, at Shelby Park. As Tennessee's longest-running HIV fundraiser and one of Nashville's highest-profile events, the Nashville AIDS Walk & 5K Run raises vital funds and highlights the city's commitment to ending the HIV epidemic. With a goal to raise \$200,000, participants will gather to walk or run and help make a lasting impact in Middle Tennessee.

“We are thrilled to bring the community together once again for the 33rd Annual Nashville AIDS Walk & 5K Run. At Nashville CARES, we are deeply committed to collaborating with diverse partners to address health disparities. HIV continues to have a significant impact on our community, and events like the AIDS Walk allow us to provide essential services to those most vulnerable. By focusing on awareness, education, prevention, and early access to care, we strive to achieve health equity for all Tennesseans,” said Amna Osman, CEO of Nashville CARES.

This event, sponsored by The Nashville Scene, The Nashvillian, 92Q, Freddie, 5/3 Bank, TN Pride Chamber, Cadence Bank, Benefits, Inc., Nashville Executives - Honor Belew, and Orange Theory is family-focused and free to walk and \$35 for the 5K Run. Walk and run participants need to register for entrance. Following the walk and run, attendees will enjoy a breakfast hosted by Nashville CARES along with a program and awards to follow.

This year's **Grand Marshal Squad** includes a dynamic group of community leaders and influencers dedicated to supporting the cause:

- **Kharla Ramon**, Owner, Azul Media Magazine
- **Jerome Moore**, Founder & CEO of Exploring Social Change, Keynote Speaker, Author, A Slice of Community on Nashville PBS, Deep Dish Conversations Podcast

- **Hal Cato**, CEO of Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee
- **Olivia Hill**, Council Member at Large
- **Dr. Stephanie Mahnke**, Executive Director of the Tennessee Pride Chamber of Commerce
- **Averianna the Personality**, The Voice of Cashville Radio, Music City Check-In
- **Teen Squad**, headed by Hannah and Wesley Grace Foster-Hoke, the event's top youth fundraisers for five consecutive years.

Nashville CARES CEO, Amna Osman, along with select members of the Grand Marshal Squad, will be **available for interviews**. Headshots are available for download at the following link [Nashville CARES CEO and Marshal Squad Headshots](#).

Elected officials participating in this year's event include Council Member At Large Zulfat Suara, Tennessee Rep. Justin Jones, and former state Rep. Brenda Gilmore.

The event will feature performances by DJ Carlos Partee, and the Hadley Park Line Dancers. The National Anthem will be performed by Nashville in Harmony.

New this year is the **Double The Donation campaign**. When donations are made to the 33rd Annual Nashville AIDS Walk & 5K Run, donors can provide the name of their employer on the donation form, and partners at Double The Donation will handle the rest. Donors will receive an email confirming whether their employer has a Matching Gift program. If eligible, Double The Donation will secure the matching gift and send it to Nashville CARES. If the employer does not have a Matching Gift program, Double The Donation will inquire if they would like to participate and follow up with the results.

For additional information, or to register or to donate for the 33rd Annual Nashville AIDS Walk & 5K Run, visit nashvilleaidswalk.com

About Nashville CARES

Founded in 1985, Nashville CARES is the premier HIV/AIDS service organization in Tennessee. Annually serving more than 20,000 people statewide and providing comprehensive services to clients throughout Tennessee. CARES provides targeted education, free and confidential HIV testing, and a broad range of comprehensive services to individuals who are at-risk for or living with HIV. To learn more, visit NashvilleCARES.org and follow on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

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