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## **CHICAGOLAND WALK DETAILS**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, October 2, 2021. The site will open at 9:00am.

**Location:** [Montrose Harbor, 601 W. Montrose Ave., Chicago, IL 60613](#) (blue star is event site)

*\*For those unable to attend in-person, we will have a virtual hour-long program so you can walk in your own community. Please email [chicago@afsp.org](mailto:chicago@afsp.org) for more information.*

**Registration:** There is NO FEE to register. Online registration closes at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2021.

**On-site Registration:** We strongly encourage everyone to [register online](#) to help eliminate congregating and congestion at the registration tables. There will be QR codes posted around the registration area that will be linked to the Chicagoland Walk registration page. Registration envelopes will also be available if needed.

*Please note: There will be **no check-in for preregistered participants** unless you have additional donations to turn in. This can be done at the Donation Tent.*

**Donations:** Donations can be turned and made at the Donation Tent on-site.

*Donations are 100% tax deductible. We will continue to accept donations through December 31, 2021.*

**COVID-19 Safety:** For the health and safety of our participants, volunteers, and staff, we encourage everyone to wear a mask while on-site and along the route. If you forget a mask, they will be available on-site. Additionally, sanitation stations will be around the site. Please remember to social distance while on-site and along the route.

We continue to closely monitor local rules regarding group gatherings and may need to adjust plans at the last minute so please read emails as you receive them from us. The health and safety of our participants, volunteers, and staff will be our top priorities as we continue to work with local authorities.

### **Directions to the site:**

#### ***From the South and/or West:***

Take Lake Shore Drive north, exit at Montrose, Wilson or Foster. Follow along to Simonds Drive.

#### ***From the Northwest:***

Take I-90 east to Irving Park Ave. Go east to Lakeshore Drive. Go north on Lakeshore Drive and exit Montrose, Wilson or Foster. Follow along Simonds Drive.

#### ***From the North:***

Take I-94 south to Peterson. Exit Peterson and go east to Lake Shore Drive. Go south on Lake Shore Drive (Hwy 41). Exit at Foster, Wilson or Montrose. Follow to Simonds Drive.



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### **Public Transportation:**

- #146 Bus route stops at Marine Drive and Montrose
- CTA Brown line stops at Montrose Ave
- Visit [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

### **Parking:**

Free and paid street parking is available on Simonds Drive from Montrose Avenue north to Foster Avenue.

The Montrose Lot is rented for the event and will be free and first come, first serve.

The Wilson Lot is also nearby and is another option based on availability. Costs and information can be found [here](#).

*The above lots can be seen on [this map](#) and are marked with yellow stars.*

**Spot Hero:** To reserve your parking spot for the Chicago Out of the Darkness Walk, visit the [Montrose Field SpotHero Parking Page](#) and book a spot with rates up to 50% off drive-up.



**Site Map:** The [walk site](#) is located just east of Lakeshore Drive at Montrose Avenue and Simonds Drive. Click [here](#) for a site map. *Please note this map is subject to change prior to the event.*

**Walk Route:** The route is 3 miles and starts and ends at the event site. It goes north through the park and along the lakeshore path to Foster and loops back southward. Click [here](#) for a route map.

***We do not have an official start time this year. You can start to walk the route any time between 9am and 12pm.***

**Virtual Event Site:** An online site will be available as well and can be accessed at [www.chicagowalk.org/event](http://www.chicagowalk.org/event). The site will have virtual Memorial and Why I Walk Walls, the slideshow, AFSP Store, and more!

**Pets:** Pets are NOT allowed at the walk (on-site or on the route).  
*Service dogs covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act are permitted at the walk.*

**Safety Notes:** Skateboards, scooters, wagons and bikes are prohibited for the safety of all walkers. Additionally, balloon and sky lantern releases are **not** allowed at the site or along the route.

**Medical:** Two ambulances will be dispatched for the event.



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**Mental Health Services Tent sponsored by Compass Health Center:** This tent will be located on-site for any participants having a tough time and needing someone to speak with. *Please note this is not meant to be a counseling or therapy session.*

**Honor Beads:** Beads will be available on-site and you can choose your color(s) to show your personal connection and identify with others who understand your experience. You can click the image and save it to use on social media and in emails. *Click image for larger view.*



**What's Your Color?**

Losing someone to suicide or struggling with a mental illness can feel like no one understands what you are going through. Each color shows our personal connection to the cause and helps us identify others who understand our experience.



**Why We Walk Wall:** Leave a message or share a photo on the wall. If you want to share a photo, bring it with you and stop by the Why We Walk tent for a push pin to place it on the wall. For messages, blank notecards and markers will be provided as well as push pins to place your note on the wall.

**Blue & Red Ribbon Tent:** If you are a red or blue ribbon walker, please visit the Blue and Red Ribbon Walker tent on-site to receive your ribbon and gift.

- ❖ **\$500-\$999** - Red Ribbon Walker.
- ❖ **\$1,000+** - Blue Ribbon Walker.

**T-Shirt Tent:** If you raise at least \$150 (including day-of donations), you will receive the official walk t-shirt which can be picked up at the on-site T-Shirt Tent.

**AFSP Store:** Looking for AFSP merchandise? Visit the AFSP Store! Cash, check or credit card accepted.

**Education Outreach Tent:** Free AFSP resources and small giveaways will be available at this tent.

**Route signs:** We encourage participants to create signs at home to carry along the route. Add messages and photos to honor loved ones, celebrate yourself, inspire hope, and raise awareness. *Please use [safe messaging](#) and no profanity.*

**Water:** Water will be provided on-site.

**Social Media:** Don't forget to tag us on social media when checking in or tagging photos (AFSP Illinois Chapter, @AFSPIL @AFSPChicago #OOTDCCW)

