



Kidney Walk

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Marvelous Maxwell

A Hilliard family takes lifesaving steps to spread awareness in the fight against kidney disease.

(Columbus, OH)- Maxwell Staugler is your average 3-year-old little boy. He loves everything from playing with his 5-year-old sister, reading books, crashing trucks, to battling with his Ninja Turtles and favorite Superheroes like Captain America!

The Staugler family became involved with the National Kidney Foundation after learning Max's kidneys stopped functioning in 2015.

"On the scariest day of our lives as parents, we rushed Max to Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus because he we had noticed lethargic behavior and difficulty breathing. We quickly learned in the ER, surrounded by doctors, that Max was in respiratory and renal failure." Raechel Staugler

There are more than 101,000 individuals in need of a kidney transplant. Less than 17,000 individuals receive one each year.

The Staugler's recently learned that Max's mother is a match and will receive a transplant at Nationwide Children's Hospital once he reaches the height & weight necessary to safely receive her kidney.

Come September Max's father, Mitch Staugler will raise awareness through Max's story as the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Walk Mission Moment Speaker.

"We are honored to support and participate in the National Kidney Foundation Central Ohio Kidney Walk to help promote awareness! He may not have the power to shoot webs, crush buildings or fly, but our son has become our Superhero. We are so unbelievably humbled by the support we have received and beyond blessed to have him a part of our lives!" Mitch Staugler

The Walk will be held at Genoa Park in downtown Columbus on Sunday, September 25th. Onsite registration begins at 8:00am with the walk program beginning at 9:00am. Walkers participate as individuals or form teams with family, friends, or colleagues. The Walk will also feature a wellness pavilion, Bob Evans, Richie's New York Corner Deli post-walk sandwiches, and a kids' corner with loads of activities and music. Walkers are encouraged to fundraise for the event. Those interested in getting involved or supporting a walker can visit www.KidneyWalk.org/CentralOhio.

The Central Ohio Kidney Walk is sponsored by Ohio State Wexner Medical Center/Transplant/Nephrology, Fresenius Medical Care, American Renal Associates, Buckeye Health Plan, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Ohio Health, NxStage Kidney Care, and Radio One.



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The National Kidney Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of kidney disease, improving the health and well-being of patients and families affected by this disease and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. For more information or to support the event, call the National Kidney Foundation office in Columbus at 614-882-6184 or visit www.kidneywalk.org.

