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TRI-STATE TEAMS SIGNING UP FOR 15TH ANNUAL BUTTERFLY WALK
Event on May 7-8 Supports CancerFree KIDS and Childhood Cancer Research

CINCINNATI: More than 400 people have already registered for the 2021 CancerFree KIDS Butterfly Walk Experience, presented by Anthem. The event on May 7 and 8 is hoping to raise \$100,000 to fund innovative, early-stage cancer research that aims to find cures for childhood cancers and gentler treatments.

This year's event features the Butterfly Walking Storyboard, a safe, socially distant walking experience through Cottell Park at 5847 Irwin Simpson Road in Deerfield Township. From 4 to 7 pm on Friday, and from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, participants will enjoy interactive activities and special sections that honor kids who have battled childhood cancer. Walkers are also invited to instead participate in a walk in their own neighborhood.

"The Butterfly Walk is such a special experience because it celebrates survivors and remembers those kids for whom a cure didn't come soon enough," says Jill Brinck, executive director, CancerFree KIDS. "We hope the community can join us for this special opportunity to raise money in support of kids and our mission to end childhood cancer."

So far, 35 teams are registered to participate in this year's Butterfly Walk Experience. Every participant who raises \$50 or more will receive a special t-shirt that features artwork by 8-year-old Julia Wolf. She created the art in honor of her twin brother, Grant, who died of brain cancer in January.

CancerFree KIDS funds innovative, early-stage cancer research currently underway at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Avondale and Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus. In most cases, this research would go unfunded without the support of CancerFree KIDS.

The Butterfly Walk has raised more than \$1.2 million since its inception.

People may visit www.butterflywalk.org to register for the event, or visit www.cancerfreekids.org to learn more about the organization's mission and work to fight childhood cancer.