**Let’s Get Virtually Insane With Our White Canes!!!**

**Come one, come all walkers and sponsors!**

**"Walking Alone and Marching Together"**

Aloha and greetings from the National Federation of the Blind of Hawai’i, NFBH,

We as your local Federation Family invite everyone and anyone in our annual celebration of October “Meet The Blind Month”, and along with this celebration we highlight our annual White Cane Walk.

White Cane Awareness day established nationally in 1964 continues each year where people, blind or sighted, come together to spread “White Cane” awareness and safety across the nation to the public. For many years our NFBH family celebrates with other fellow blind peers and supporters to walk publicly with local officials on each island. But how do we do that when there is a pandemic amongst us? Well since COVID 19 still exists, your local National Federation of the Blind of Hawai’i leaders of the Leeward O’ahu Chapter are introducing our first annual virtual statewide “White Cane Walk-A-Thon!” We are inviting everyone and anyone and all of Hawaii Keiki to Kupuna to join in the fun. We are looking for participants who would like to donate their time as a White Cane Walker or supporter. This walk will take place in our own neighborhoods, keeping social distance and wearing our masks, while being broadcasted via zoom, and featured streaming on Facebook Live. Supporters can watch participants walk in real time!

**Our Mission**

To engage the community in raising funds for our National Federation of the Blind of Hawai’i. We, NFBH, have many local and national programs that support blind individuals, including but not limited to our free white cane service, Newsline telephonic service providing newspapers and publications to individuals who are blind and print disabled, scholarships for blind individuals seeking higher education, and programs that support braille literacy for youth to name a few.

 \*\*(For more information about the National Federation of the Blind please visit: hawaii.nfb.org

**How does the Walk A Thon work?**

1. we are looking for the following:

\* Sponsors

\* Walkers

\*supporters

**Donations**

Each participating walker will walk for a minimum of one hour and a maximum of three hours. The walker will seek sponsors to fund them for their walk. The starting minimum sponsorship donation is $5. The forms of donations can be cash, check, and our preferred method of Pay Pal or Square.

Donate via Paypal: <https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=S77D6AUCZS6QN&source=url>

Donate via Square : <https://checkout.square.site/pay/2449d6cf845b4fd4969327fa6a1b7203>

**Make money orders and checks out to: The National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, NFBH**

**Mail to:**

**The National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, NFBH**

**P.O. Box 4605, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96812**

**Event Details**

**When: Saturday, 10/24/2020**

**Time: Walkers may start between the hours of 8-10am. Walkers can extend Their time as needed.**

**Registration**

To register as a walker contact Melissa Gerber, via phone or email , with the following information:

Name, Contact information, the chapter or division you are raising funds for, time slot you will be starting your walk (8am, 9am, or 10am), and whether you want to participate as a virtual featured walker.

Registration contact LOC/ Leeward O’ahu Chapter President: Melissa Gerber.

Email: 247mjgerber@gmail.com Ph.: 808 227 4271.

**We look forward to you joining us on our statewide virtual mission to help support the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii and our important blind programs for the blind of Hawaii.**

**Let's get out there have fun and Go!**