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greater hartford march for babies



FAQs: Greater Hartford March for Babies 2016

Parking

Free parking is available at Rentschler Field. Please enter the grounds from Silver Lane and not from the Pratt & Whitney entrance.



Where Do I Go Once I Arrive?

Follow the signs to the large white REGISTRATION tent. Look for March of Dimes volunteers in yellow VOLUNTEER shirts if you need assistance.

Do I need to register on walk day?

If you registered online and raised \$100 or more, please hand in a copy of your Sponsor Form (print this out by logging in to your personal page on marchforbabies.org) and pick up your t-shirt. This is also where you will turn in any outstanding cash/check donations.

If you have NOT registered online or have cash/check donations to turn in, please visit the registration tent from 9:00-10:00 am before the walk. Or register online now at marchforbabies.org and follow the instructions above.

For Team Captains: Collect all cash & checks and put in an envelope with Your Name, Team Name and total \$ amount enclosed clearly marked.

Team TIP: Meet as a team and give everything to Team Captain. Then he/she can come to registration area. It is a good idea to set up a meeting place for the morning of the walk (i.e.: "Family Teams Meeting Tent" or at a tent in "Champions Row."). See map on page 4.

March for Babies 2016
Sunday, May 1

Location

Rentschler Field
615 Silver Lane, E. Hartford

Registration

Begins at 9:00 am

The Walk

Begins at 10 am

Directions

Click [HERE](#) for directions.

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What happens if it rains?

The babies need us no matter what! March for Babies takes place rain or shine. There is no rain date.

Do I get a T-shirt?

Our March for Babies incentive t-shirt is given to walkers who **raise \$100 or more**. Please remember this is an **individual** incentive and not a team incentive. While supplies last—a rain check will be issued in case of a shortage. We do not sell t-shirts the day of the walk.



Pre-Walk Ceremony

The March for Babies stage ceremonies will begin at approximately 9:30 am (after the completion of the 5K Run for Babies). Kaitlyn McGrath from NBC CT and Renee DiNino from The River 105.9 will emcee. You'll hear from our Ambassador family – the Vassiliou's –and then they'll cut the start ribbon to officially begin the walk!

What happens during the walk?

The walk begins promptly at 10 am! The huge purple March of Dimes arch serves as the start/finish line. The walk is two laps around the outside of the stadium. Each lap is about 1.5 miles. There are water stations and fun fitness activities along the way and kids can earn prizes! Strollers and wagons for little ones are welcomed.

Can I bring my dog?

Yes, dogs are allowed at Rentschler as long as they are leashed.

How many people are expected to attend?

It's expected to be our largest walk yet – over 6,000!



I'm a New/Nursing Mom

Nobody understands more than we do! We will have a semi-private nursing and changing area inside the Bob's Discount Furniture "Baby Zone" tent, complete with changing pad, wipes, comfy chairs and diaper pail. There are also changing areas in each restroom along the stadium.

Walk Day Activities

Team Photos will be taken by photographers [Kym Zwick](#) and [Katrina Gallant-Russo](#) throughout the day and at our "Team Photo" area. Just look for the signs near the food area.

Food includes fresh fruit, snack bars and ice cream sandwiches. Plus, while supplies last, enjoy chips from Deep River snacks, sliders from **Corey's Catsup & Mustard Café** in Manchester, hot coffee from **Omar Coffee**, wings from **Buffalo Wild Wings**, pretzel sticks from **Black Bear**! There is plenty of bottled water .

Entertainment: Live music from Frank Morin, performances from the UHart Dance Troop, Dance City & the Arts, singer Roxie Quinn, and Zippy Pet Rides for charity! Plus free video gaming from The Gamer's Box.

RUN for Babies 5K and Superhero Sprint (kids fun run)

Register at runforbabies.org/hartford
(or on-site starting at 7 am)

There is a 5K Run for Babies **PRIOR** to the walk. Registration begins at 7 am and the run starts at 8:00. This is a timed event with prizes for the top runner in their age group. Come early and cheer them on! Please be aware that runners will be on the path from 8:00-9:00. You will be notified when the run is over and the "chute" is open for the walk.



Run for Babies Details

Registration: \$40 (runners receive a t-shirt & may fundraise online for extra incentives)

Kids Superhero Sprint fun run: \$20 (all kids will receive a purple cape for participating)

Runners for strollers are welcome. Parents must register their kids at www.runforbabies.org/hartford The kids run will take place when 5K is complete.



Run with Team NBC Connecticut

Sign up to run with meteorologist Kaitlyn McGrath and team NBC Connecticut and #RunforToday!

NBC, a proud supporter of the March of Dimes for 20 years, wants to run with you. So **sign up online today** and #RunforBabies on May 1st.



Event Map



Get Social

Share your photos with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using #MarchforBabies at @marchofdimesct. We'd love to share your walk experience with our followers and fans!

There will be a photo area (March of Dimes banner in the background) for group/family photos and it's the perfect place to take a selfie (borrow some of our fun purple and white event props to make your pics more fun!

Have questions?

Contact the March of Dimes at 860-815-9365 or email Marc Spencer at m Spencer@marchofdimes.org.

See you at Rentschler Field on Sunday, May 1st!