



# MARCH OF DIMES MARCH FOR BABIES

Join the April fundraiser to support families throughout their pregnancies

**M**errick Green and his family -- wife Maya and their daughter Marlee -- have been Forest Hills residents since 2021. "The neighbors are my favorite part of living in Forest Hills, along with the great walking paths that you can carve out of the neighborhood," Merrick says. He is also a resident writer for *Stroll Forest Hills*, penning our monthly restaurant review and recipe feature.

As a volunteer with March of Dimes since 2004, Merrick is once again organizing the Harrisburg **March for Babies**, a premier fundraising campaign to help support the mission of March of Dimes. We spoke with Merrick about the upcoming event and asked him to tell us more about the work of March of Dimes in the Harrisburg area.

### What is the mission of the March of Dimes?

The March of Dimes' mission is to lead the fight for the health of all moms and babies. Its goals are to end preventable maternal health risks and deaths, preventable preterm birth and infant death, and close the health equity gap.

### What work do you do with March of Dimes?

I organize the local volunteer-led March for Babies walk here in Harrisburg.

### How many hours a week, on average, do you spend volunteering?

I volunteer five to ten hours a week leading up to the March for Babies walk.

### What drew you to volunteer for this organization?

My fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., is a National Partner with the March of Dimes.

### What benefits do you get from volunteering with this organization?

I want to help raise awareness and educate the community about the March of Dimes and how they support our community.

### How can neighbors take part in the upcoming event?

You can get involved by joining the walk on April 20, 2024. This year, we are walking on City Island. Thank

you to all of our sponsors and supporter from last year's walk at Italian Lake that helped raise close to \$13,000. We hope everyone can join us at the new location in City Island on April 20. Our goal this year is to raise \$15,000r.

### MARCH FOR BABIES

Saturday, April 20, 2024

City Island, Harrisburg, PA

Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Walk begins 10 a.m.

Open to individuals and teams.

### ATTENTION ALL SUPPORTERS OF HEALTHY BABIES AND STRONG FAMILIES IN HARRISBURG AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

Join Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., for the 3rd annual Volunteer-Led Community Walk to support March for Babies. This annual event brings together communities across Central PA to raise funds and awareness for the March of Dimes, the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of moms and babies.

This year's March for Babies promises to be an unforgettable experience as we walk together in

the hope of creating a world where every baby is born healthy. Whether you're a seasoned marcher or a first-time participant, your support will make a significant difference in the lives of millions of families.

Together, we can make a difference by funding critical research, advocacy, and educational programs that give every baby a fighting chance. Put on your walking shoes, grab your friends and family, and join us on April 20th for an inspiring day of fun, fitness, and community.



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