## Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

## Valley of Cumberland - Orient of Maryland

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The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and the Children's League are proud to announce our **First Virtual Kid Walk/Kid Talk Walkathon** to support our RiteCare Childhood Language Disorders Clinics. Thanks to your past generosity, these clinics are currently providing **FREE** RiteCare services to 28 children in Oakland, 24 in Keyser, and 36 in Cumberland.

We hope you will consider one of the several options to support this year's Kid Walk/Kid Talk Walkathon. You may participate by joining the Scottish Rite team to raise money from your friends and family and walk or run inside on a treadmill or outside anytime and place you choose between September 19<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. Prefer not to walk? Just click or mail a "Walk with Me" donation of \$25 or more. Want to donate more? Consider being a \$250 "T-Shirt Sponsor" or a \$500 "Walk and Talk Friend Sponsor" and your logo will be featured on team T-Shirts and social media for the event.

While restrictions on public gatherings due to the Coronavirus pandemic will prevent this year's event from taking place in person, the **Virtual Kid Walk/Kid Talk Walkathon** will still provide the opportunity for supporters to enjoy a healthy walk or run while they raise funds to support the Children's League. This has been the format of this very successful annual fundraiser for more than 15 years. The online and virtual parts may seem like a clever new endeavor, but it has been done successfully many times by national charities such as the American Speech-Language-Hearing foundation, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and the ASH Foundation.

As in previous years, supporters will register online or by mail to create or join a team and solicit pledges for their team from willing donors for the Walkathon. T-Shirts for each registered team member will be available for pick up at the Children's League on September 16-18 from 9:00 am until noon each day. Team members will be encouraged to sport their T-Shirts and walk on the date and time of their choice between September 19<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> and share pictures of their walk on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Etc.) with the hashtags #kidwalkkidtalk #thechildrensleague and #scottishritecare. Prizes will be awarded to the three teams that raise the largest amount of donations.

While the number of clients we serve has increased by 60%, our ability to raise funds has been seriously hampered by Coronavirus restrictions and economic challenges to businesses that routinely donate but are presently unable. Now, more than ever, we need your help to help the Children's League provide **FREE** orthopedic and cleft lip/palate clinics as well as **FREE** speech and physical therapy for children birth to 21 from Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

To provide a sponsorship, make a donation, or join our team, simply complete and return the enclosed registration form or register online at https://bit.ly/KidWalk2020. At the online team registration link, enter the Promo Code "Team" to skip the registration fee, enter the Team name "Scottish Rite", leave the password field blank and follow the steps to complete the registration form. Be sure to share the Facebook event with your family and friends to help us reach past supporters and new ones.

The Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation is an IRS 501(c)3 Charity and 100% of your contribution is tax deductible.

Fraternally, **Jerome F. Robinette** 

## **Scottish Rite Team Registration Form**

Please complete a separate form for each team member

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