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NJ Walks for TS Honorary Committee Welcomes Senator Whelan and Assemblyman Mazzeo

First South Jersey walk to support the Tourette Syndrome community

NORTHFIELD, NJ- Senator Jim Whelan (D-2) and Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo (D-2) have joined the Honorary Committee of the first 5K walk and family fun run in the region to benefit local children and families with Tourette Syndrome.

NJ Walks for TS at Medford Lakes will take place on Sunday, Sept. 20 at Beach 1/Upper Aetna Lake. It's an offshoot of the highly successful *NJ Walks for TS* at Mendham which began in 2010 to support the work of the NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders (NJCTS). *NJ Walks for TS* was started by kids, for kids; in fact, the impetus behind bringing this event to South Jersey is the Hecklen family who aim to raise awareness and support for the thousands of kids and families living with TS.

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder characterized by involuntary vocal or muscle movements known as tics. TS is frequently accompanied by ADHD, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety, depression or learning disorders. As many as 1 in 100 people show signs of TS, however, the disorder often remains misunderstood and misdiagnosed. Proceeds from NJ Walks will benefit the Education Outreach Programs of NJCTS which deliver outreach to healthcare professionals, educators and students across the state.

"We're grateful to Senator Whelan and Assemblyman Mazzeo for their continued participation and support of NJ Walks for TS as we bring this special event to more families across the state," said NJCTS Executive Director Faith W. Rice.

NJ Walks for TS at Medford Lakes will feature activities for families, music and an atmosphere of acceptance for all ages. [Registration is \\$25. Donations will be accepted online for individuals and teams-regardless of event attendance. Sponsorships are still available for corporations, small businesses and individuals by calling 908-575-7350.](#)



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