

Valley Fever Americas Foundation

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Dear Friends,

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The Valley Fever Americas Foundation is planning a "Walk for Valley Fever Awareness" Saturday morning, August 11, 2012 in Bakersfield. The number of cases is on the rise for humans and for animals, yet there are still too many who consider Valley Fever to be a myth or a joke. Many have never heard of it at all! As you know, when symptoms aren't taken seriously, or when Valley Fever is missed as a possible diagnosis, the result is unnecessary suffering and loss.

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The early morning walk will be held on the grounds of the Kern County Museum on Chester Avenue in Bakersfield. Valley Fever information stations for humans and for pets will be available along the route of the walk, as well as a memory scroll for inscribing the name of loved ones lost to the disease.

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We are not asking walkers to solicit pledges for this walk. What we ask is that you encourage friends and family to be there. **Every person who joins us increases the odds that a life will be saved because of what is learned that morning.** If you live too far away to be there, please consider a donation to help cover the costs of the walk. Any funds left over will be used for research and awareness activities.

MEDICALADVISOR:
Thomas Larwood, MD

So mark Saturday, August 11, 2012 on your calendar! Come have a cup of coffee and a stroll, a walk, or a run. If you have questions or suggestions, contact me at VFAF@bak.rr.com or 661-331-7639.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Sandra Larson
Executive Director

PS: By the way, walkers are welcome to bring the family dog on a leash! After all, dogs get valley fever too!