



Transforming lives affected by addiction, violence and loss

**Exercise Your Soles At Our Community Walk for Peace on April 12**



Another great reason to look forward to Spring: our first ever **Community Walk for Peace** will happen on Sunday, April 12 in Redwood City, CA. We invite you to gather friends, family (people and pets) and participate in your choice of a 3 mile or 1.5 mile route to see first-hand the community

and programs benefitting from your generous support of the Foundation. Many of you are regular supporters at our Annual Galas, and the **Community Walk for Peace** is another fun and social way to raise funds and participate in the great work we do. As we walk and remember Tim Griffith's peaceful, loving spirit we are reminded that senseless acts of violence, like the one that took Tim from us, can be stopped if we all work together for Peace.

**The Route:**

The Walk (both 1.5 and 3 mile routes) starts and ends at Fair Oaks Elementary School in Redwood City. This school and the community it serves are impacted by many of the challenges that underserved youth and families experience. Tim's father Josh Griffith, newly appointed Principal of Fair Oaks Elementary, is pleased to facilitate the partnership between Fair Oaks and The Tim Griffith Foundation as proceeds from this walk will provide much needed funding



for local programs including scholarships for children at Fair

Oaks to attend Science Camp/Outdoor Education activities.

In a conversation with Josh Griffith, Debbie Lee, Executive Director of the Foundation learned that 100% of students in attendance at Fair Oaks Elementary are eligible for the free lunch program based upon their household incomes. And, Fair Oaks is so much more than an Elementary school. Incorporated on the campus is a Community Center that serves everyone in the area with healthcare, educational programs, counseling services and more, making it a unique and innovative model for serving communities.

In addition to experiencing the Fair Oaks school and neighborhood, walkers will encounter stops for refreshments along the route including Tim's House, the sober living facility for young men recovering from addiction that is funded by the Foundation, and Pets In Need, a no-kill animal shelter and long-time community partner with the Foundation.

**Volunteers Needed:**

We are looking for volunteers to join our team. We need help pre-walk to promote the Walk with posters and flyers shared with friends, family, and colleagues. We need help the day of the Walk to handle registration and monitor walkers. Finally, we need help after the Walk at the Post-Walk Party, clean-up and with the shoe drive. Any amount of time



and talent you have available, we can put to great use! To join the team, contact Lisa



Perry at lperry@timgriffithfoundation.org.

**Sponsorship Opportunities Available:**

Sponsorship options are available for businesses and individuals that want to make a visible statement in the community that peace is an important priority. Sponsors can participate by:

- 1) Donating items for our walkers: - a gift certificate to fund food and drinks provided to the walkers or direct donations of items needed. Bottled water, fruit, granola/power bars, hot dogs, chips, cookies, bagels, orange juice and coffee are all needed to provide breakfast, snacks along the route and lunch for our walkers.
- 2) Walking or creating a team to walk - Register individually or as a team and do your own fundraising through our website, www.timgriffithfoundation.org.
- 3) Becoming an event sponsor - Make a transformational gift by being an event sponsor - from \$250 to \$10,000, we have opportunities to meet your needs and increase visibility in the community.

**Party Time!**

In addition to raising funds, we want all walkers to have fun, and that's exactly what we have planned at the Post-Walk Party with a BBQ lunch, music and activities for all ages. Meet our Community Walk for Peace sponsors at themed booths/tables designed to educate and entertain. The Post-Walk Party will be a great way to celebrate the blessings we have and to reflect on the importance of supporting those struggling for Peace and healing in their lives.



The fee to join the walk is \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (under 18) with 100% of the walk proceeds going to fund Tim's House, Meadowlark Retreats for parents grieving the loss of a child and programs supporting the Fair Oaks community.

For more stories and information about the work the Foundation is doing, please visit our website at

[www.timgriffithfoundation.org](http://www.timgriffithfoundation.org)

## Walk for Peace Registration:

To register as an individual, family or team, go to the TGF website at [www.timgriffithfoundation.org](http://www.timgriffithfoundation.org).

You can even set up a personal “walk page” and it use to organize and encourage others to join. You may also print the Community Walk for Peace flyer from our website that you can use to recruit other walkers to join us, including neighbors, co-workers, and any other individuals who would want to experience this special event.

## Key Information

- Walk Registration opens at 9am
- The Walk begins at 10am
- Lunch and activities 12noon until 2pm
- Pets are welcome (On leash of course and with up to date vaccinations!)
- Two Routes: 3 miles and 1.5 miles

We encourage you to think of the Community Walk for Peace as a chance to bring the people closest to you together for a few hours of doing good in the community and enjoying a lovely spring day in the name of Peace.

## Donate Your Soles to Raise Funds



In January, we began a shoe collection drive that will culminate on the day of the **Community Walk for Peace**. What happens to the shoes you donate? Funds2Orgs pays TGF for the shoes we collect and then distributes the shoes to a network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs

helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school. Unlike donating your shoes to a shoe donation bin or shoe recycling, the shoes you no longer want or wear are creating sustainable economic means in countries where there is little economic stability, and our Foundation benefits from the sale of shoes collected during our shoe drive.



Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used or new shoes on the day of the **Community Walk for Peace** at the Fair Oaks Elementary School in Redwood City between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Or, if you cannot attend the walk, you can drop off your shoes anytime up to April 12 at a number of convenient locations near you. Visit our website to see a list of all donation locations.



“We are really excited about our shoe drive and about seeing it come to fruition during the Community Walk for Peace” said Stacey Redman, President of the Tim Griffith Foundation. “We know most

people have extra shoes in their closets they would like donate and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. And the money we raise will benefit the Foundation community programs; it’s a win-win for everyone,” added Lisa Baffi, Foundation volunteer.

If you’d like to extend your help to the Foundation by spreading the word about our shoe drive in your neighborhood, work or community, visit our website for an easy to print flyer that explains our drive and how to participate.

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The Foundation was honored to be chosen by the San Jose Mercury News for inclusion in the paper’s Wishbook 2014 last December. Each year the Mercury News selects 22 individuals, families and groups who face significant challenges. Each has a wish that the Mercury News hopes its readers can help fulfill. The Foundation requested support for our scholarships for grieving parents so they can attend our Meadowlark Grief Retreats. We are happy to report that thanks to the generous donations from the San Jose community we received \$8,400.00 that will go to support participants in Meadowlark retreats this year and beyond. Thank you San Jose Mercury readers!



## OUR MISSION

The Tim Griffith Foundation heals and strengthens Bay Area communities by providing support and services to those impacted by addiction, violence and loss.