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[Headline: Neurofibromatosis Network Rallies NF Community for 2nd Annual #NFStrong 5K]

[Bradenton, FL] – For the past several years, the Neurofibromatosis (NF) Network has brought together individuals from all over the central and southwest Florida area to support and celebrate the neurofibromatosis community. This year, the #NFStrong 5K for Neurofibromatosis will take place at its home in Bradenton at GT Bray Park on May 23rd, 2020. This year's event is sure to be our best yet with an afternoon packed with family fun! Featuring a fantastic raffle highlighting great local businesses and top items, as well as face painting, games, great food, and a few more surprises, it won't be an event you'll want to miss.

Neurofibromatosis is a rare genetic disorder that causes tumor growth on nerve endings throughout the body. Neurofibromatosis, or NF, affects one in every 2,500 births and shows no bias against age, race, or gender. Currently there is no cure for NF and very minimal treatments, our mission is to continue not only advocating and searching for a cure, but also building community by raising awareness and spreading hope.

Our #NFStrong events take place in communities nationwide. These inspiring events create strong bonds that build a supportive NF community. The goal of these strong communities is to rally together and become one great voice in finding effective treatments and an eventual cure for NF. These events are a great way to involve family and friends, meet others who are affected by NF, and raise awareness of this disorder as we continue research for a cure.

Join the NF Network on May 23rd, 2020 in GT Bray Park and enjoy a day of family fun with the NF community. Check-in and walk up registration begin at 9:00am and the Family Walk and

5K Run begin at 10:00am. Come early for music and games, face painting and food from generous local businesses.

Sign up early and receive an early bird discount on adult registration. The Family Walk is \$20 and the 5K Run is \$25 through March 15. After March 15, adults are \$25 for the Family Walk and \$30 for the 5K Run. Registration for children is always discounted - \$3 for 3 years old and under and \$6 for 4-11 years old. ALL registrants who sign up before May 7th will receive a FREE #NFStrong t-shirt! To sign up today, visit www.nfstrong.org. We can't wait for you to join us!

The NF Network is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and was founded in 1988 by a group of people who were in some way affected by neurofibromatosis. We are the leading national organization advocating for federal funding for NF research and building and supporting NF communities. The NF Network's goal is to eradicate the health issues, pain, isolation and uncertainty that the diagnosis of NF inflicts. The NF Network provides opportunities for local NF organizations to share experiences. The network is a dynamic and growing open space for shared resources, development of new tools, and creation of innovative programs. It brings together groups from around the country to speak as one voice on national issues.

Our mission is to "find treatments and a **cure** for neurofibromatosis by promoting scientific research, improving clinical care, providing outreach through education and awareness, while offering hope and support to those affected by NF. "



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