

2008 Walk to Cure Diabetes



JDRF New Mexico held the 2008 Albuquerque Walk to Cure Diabetes on November 1, 2008 at Balloon Fiesta Park. The weather was perfect as thousands of walkers came to “Bring Home the Cure.” Six hot air balloons greeted early morning attendees and volunteers. The 5K Walk was followed by a lunch provided by Albertsons, Subway and Coca Cola. This year also featured two stages of live entertainment, a Kids Korner filled with giant inflatables provided by Hoot’s Party Zone, the City of Albuquerque’s rock climbing wall and face painting by the Clowns of Enchantment, and many vendors! Children and adults of all ages and their four-legged friends had a great time at Balloon Fiesta Park!



“We are so grateful to each and every one of the over 4,000 walkers and 150 volunteers who made this such an incredible event! JDRF could not do it without the passion and commitment of our dedicated team captains, corporate sponsors, families and volunteers,” said



Special Events Coordinator Elizabeth Romero. “The fact that more and more people attend the Walk to Cure Diabetes each year shows how much our community wants a cure for diabetes.” Siu Wong, a Walk day registration volunteer, said, “I truly enjoyed the day. There was camaraderie between the volunteers and all the walkers. I will do it again next year.”

Walk Day would not be possible without the leadership of JDRF’s volunteer Logistics Managers, Mark and Susan Parra, and Walk Director, Craig Brown. “I was very impressed with our turnout and the fantastic setup that the Walk Logistics team put together. The weather couldn’t have been better! I also appreciate the great support that we received from B&D Industries and our other corporate sponsors; we couldn’t have done it without them,” said Craig. According to Mark Parra, “We were so happy and grateful to see the turnout at this year’s walk. Susan and I have been involved since the first walk here in Albuquerque 11 years ago. To be able to see the progression each year is phenomenal and inspirational. Only by banding together can we make diabetes a memory.”

A special thanks to our 2008 Walk Sponsors!

