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PRESS RELEASE

TO: All Media

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SUBJECT: Annual Marquette County Walk for Hope

On Saturday, September 19, the Marquette County Suicide Prevention Alliance, along with several community organizations, businesses, and community members, will gather for the annual **Marquette County Walk for Hope** to benefit local suicide prevention and postvention programming in Marquette County. The annual walk will be held in person in Ishpeming at Al Quaal.

The Walk Committee urges all community members to attend to honor the spirit of the event and recognize the importance of suicide prevention while supporting suicide loss survivors, attempt survivors, and the families and loved ones of those who struggle.

Community members are encouraged to pre-register, especially if they want to order a walk shirt. The deadline for shirt orders is August 28. To register, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Ishpeming/MarquetteCountyWalkforHope>. Walkers can also create their own fundraiser to raise funds and collect donations.

Again this year, community members will have the opportunity to submit a picture of a loved one at no cost, and the Alliance will create and display memorial signs along the walk route.

The Marquette County Suicide Prevention Alliance also continues to promote community resources, including free, one-hour suicide prevention training for any group, organization, or business, as well as Survivors of Suicide grief support groups for adults.

The Walk Committee welcomes and appreciates any news, radio, print stories, and/or interview opportunities to help community members learn about the event and pre-register. Sarah Derwin can be reached at (906) 315-2621 or sderwin@mqtco.org.

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