

FAQs from Returning Participants – Addressing our changes to the annual Walk for Sight event

Q: Why is there a name change? What's wrong with the Walk for Sight?

A: We love our Walk for Sight and the **Festival for the Future In Sight** includes our 19th annual Walk for Sight and intends to expand on it with a bit of a festival atmosphere where we could invite our partners to be present with information and experiences which we think will benefit all who attend. We are trying to focus forward and build for a better future with the mindset “there is a better future in sight thanks to Future In Sight”. Let's celebrate with a festival for the future of our organization and work hard to raise some funds to support it.

Q: Why the new location?

A: Parking, permits and route coordination have always been challenging from the 25 Walker Street address for an event which grew fairly large at its peak. In order to include our partners highlighting all the possible experiences and opportunities for our clients, we needed more space and wanted to make it as comfortable and accessible as possible. We believe the campus at NHTI provides us a fantastic location to provide a great experience for the event. The running course at NHTI is also USA Track & Field Certified, which is appealing to the running community. We treasure the many memories that were made at the Walk's previous location and also look forward to building new memories with all of your support.

A: Why is it so much earlier this year?

Q: Honestly, the addition of the 5k run required us to adjust the timing of the event, especially with another 5k run happening nearby the same morning. We do realize that makes some travel arrangements a little more difficult and we absolutely regret that. We are doing our best to make the event enriching and worth the earlier arrival and hope you'll give us a chance to show you! Having the event earlier also means that we are not providing lunch this year, which also helps keep the overall cost to the organization down. We are rebuilding from a couple years of not having the support from a large in-person event and every cost savings helps make it possible for us to host an in-person event again.

Q: About that 5K run, why is there a run? Is Randy responsible for this and all these changes?

A: While the run was decided before Randy came on board, he does support the decision and always strives to support the staff's ideas to enhance the Future In Sight mission. The hope is that the run will increase awareness of Future In Sight within the community and help us raise more funds. As for all the changes in general, we acknowledge there are more than we might have preferred with a new name, new venue, new time and a return from the considerable challenges of covid. We really intend to strive towards an immense success for the 20th annual Walk for Sight and one of the thoughts was to accept the realistic growing pains these changes might bring to this year's efforts in anticipation of working out the kinks prior to our 20th anniversary event. This is why we ask you to be understanding, supportive and

help us focus forward to build a better future for all those we might help with our mission. Let's ensure there is a better future in sight thanks to **Future In Sight!**