

# Miracle for Matthew FUNDRAISER



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### 11th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Matthew

Sunday, October 18, 2020 • Timacuan Golf Club, Lake Mary, Florida • 407-321-0010

#### **MATTHEW'S STORY**

Matthew Walker is the son of Jonathan & Cynthia Walker from Heathrow, Florida. Matthew will be 15 years old in September. He is one of three children, Morgan 17 and Adam 12 years old. On behalf of the Walker Family it is their hopes and wishes that you, your family, loved ones and friends are well and doing all you can to avoid the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Matthew is one of approximately 40 known males in the world born with a rare neuronal migration disorder of the brain called Subcortical Band Heterotopia. This disorder is one in which the white and grey matter of the brain are disorganized causing the communication pathways of the brain to be challenged, therefore causing significant impairment in his physical and cognitive abilities. Secondary to Matthew's neurological disorder in recent years, he was diagnosed with a rare form of epilepsy known as Lennox Gastaut Syndrome causing life threatening seizures. Matthew is unable to walk or talk and is



dependent upon his family and professionals to complete his activities of daily living. The ketogenic diet and medications are administered to Matthew through a feeding tube continuously on a daily basis for the control of several different types of seizures. Matthew continues to overcome many challenges on a daily basis. The corpus callosotomy brain surgery Matthew underwent three years ago continues to show successful results. Although, Matthew has been averaging 90 seizures per month this is significantly below the 60 seizures per day Matthew was experiencing prior to surgery.

Over the past year Matthew has shown great progress with the help of Epidiolex/cannabidiol to control seizure activity. On average he is still suffering from three to five seizures per day. As Matthew continues to grow into a young man hormonal issues may be resulting in a seizure aura that could potentially be causing cluster type seizures. Overcoming gastroenterology problems caused by continuous tube feeding have been a challenge and potentially causing pain and eventually seizure. The doctors have adjusted his medication regimen and it seems to be much better. Unfortunately, Matthew has not been receiving Physical Therapy over the many months due to the Coronavirus. Matthew experiences outbursts of being upset on a daily basis which hinders the ability to make much progress on the Tobii Dynovaox technology he is trying to master to help him communicate. However, Matthew's will to walk and communicate remain strong. Matthew will be entering the 8th grade at Millennium Middle School in the Exceptional Student Support Services of Seminole County, Florida. Due to Matthew's medical acuity, Seminole County School Hospital Homebound Services will continue to be available for home visits two days per week one hour per visit. Because of the Coronavirus this will be conducted via Zoom web-based video conferencing from his teacher. In addition, Matthew hopes to return to physical and other therapies in the very near future to help him reach his ultimate potential.

The Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser was created to assist financially for the care, special facilities and medical attention that Matthew's ongoing disabilities require. Despite the Coronavirus Pandemic the tournament fundraiser will happen, however, a few changes have been made to this year's event to insure the safety of all in attendance. Out of concern and respect of the event contributors towards the auction, raffle and dinner activities a decision was made to forgo this portion of the Fundraising event with hopes to resume next year. A boxed lunch will be provided for all attending golfers. In addition, golfers will be issued individual golf carts to help comply with CDC guidelines for social distancing. During the event masks will be required when six feet of distance from others cannot be avoided.

# Last year's Golf Tournament Fundraiser was a great success! Special thanks to the following and the countless other organizations, families and friends that have given their hearts out to Matthew:

Raymond James Financial Services
Arnold Palmer Invitational,
by MasterCard
Walk on Water Boutique
Fast Signs, Sanford FL
Russie Weidl, Watson Realty
Mom's Club of Heathrow
James Ho, DMD PA
Intercontinental Hotels, Miami FL
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Pierce Jewelers
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Orlando Magic
Vineyard Wine Company
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Cato Environmental Services
Liam Fitzpatrick's
Dexters Restaurant
Heathrow/Legacy Summer
Golf Camp with Jeff Jones
Residence Inn by
Marriott Lake Mary
Spice World
Another Broken Cafe
Tomasino's Pizzeria
Central Florida Therapy
Center for Health, Learning
& Achievement

Transition Therapy
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Kennedy's All-American
Barber Club
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Miguel & Brittany de Arcos
Collaborative Wealth
Orlando Solar Bears
Rizzieri Salon
Heathrow Country Club
Legacy Club at Alaqua Lakes

Please consider coming out to meet Matthew, play some golf, have fun and help make Matthew's big day and days to come!

### TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

- ★ Registration will begin at 12:00 PM with Shot Gun Start at 1:00 PM.
- ★ Scramble/Best Ball Format Contests include: Low Gross Team Score, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin on all par 3's. Mulligans can be purchased!
- ★ Hole Sponsorships are available which include hole signage, sponsor representation, and event recognition.
- ★ Interested in being a Hole Sponsor or registering for the Tournament? Please contact Jonathan Walker at 407-970-1975.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and out of concern and respect for the well-being of the event attendees and contributors, the Auction, Raffle and Dinner has been cancelled for this years' event. A boxed lunch will be provided for all attending Golfers. Golfers will be issued individual golf carts to help comply with CDC guidelines for social distancing. Face Masks will be required when six feet of distance can not be avoided.

Sponsorship Participation:	☐ Yes ☐ No
Name of Sponsor and Contact Information:	
Team Captain's Name	Phone Number:
Golfer #1's Name:	Golfer # 2's Name:
Golfer #3's Name:	Golfer # 4's Name:

## **PAYMENT INFORMATION**

GOLD SPONSOR	Includes Foursome, Boxed Lunch for four, Hole Sponsor Signage and Event Recognition — \$800
SILVER SPONSOR	Includes Two Golfers, Boxed Lunch for two, Hole Sponsor Signage and Event Recognition — \$475
HOLE SPONSOR	Includes Hole Sponsor Signage and Event Recognition — \$250
GOLF AND BOXED LUNCH	Individual — \$125.00

TOTAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: MATTHEW SLOAN WALKER 2018 SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUST Return this form and payment to:

Miracle for Matthew, Attn: Jonathan Walker, 1218 Chantry Place, Heathrow, Florida 32746

Please RSVP by Saturday, October 10, 2020 to

Jonathan Walker — Jwalker1445@cfl.rr.com or 407-970-1975

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