



My name is **Margaret (Margie) Swope**. I have Parkinson's disease and Dystonia of the feet and legs. My husband and I have registered to participate in the upcoming 16th annual Parkinson's Unity Walk to be held in Central Park, New York, NY on April 24th. My husband will once again be the engine for my wheelchair during the 2 mile walk. I wanted to make the Windover Farms community aware of the event and offer you the opportunity to donate to a great cause.

The Unity Walk is a community, education, and fund raising event for the entire (National) Parkinson's Community. Michael J. Fox, the actor, has been and continues to be an active participant and supporter of this event. All (100%) of the funds raised by this event go towards research to find a cure for this terrible disease.

You can donate on behalf of a walker such as myself, make a donation in memory of someone, or make a general donation. Donations can be made via online links or by check. For those interested in paying by check, please contact me for assistance. I am proud to represent Windover Farms as a walker and to display on my poster the community's support of the cause.

I know with the economy the way it is, it may be hard to donate. Please, any amount of money is truly appreciated. All of the monies collected go directly to research and it is tax deductible as the Parkinson's Unity Walk is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. I also ask for your prayers to find a cure for Parkinson's as it is a relentlessly progress, debilitating, and often very painful disease.

The following links provide details on the event. The first link is for donating in my name as a participating walker, and the other link provides information about the event and how to donate.

<http://www.unitywalk.org/events/participant.php?memID=3167&eventID=1>

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As a little background, after serving more than 22 years, my husband, Larry, retired from the Marine Corps to accept a position at Harris Corporation, and we moved to Melbourne in 1988. During Larry's military career, I did a great deal of volunteer work, including managing a Navy Relief Society office and support of various organizations like the Red Cross. We built in Windover Farms in 1991 and have been active in the community over the years, including serving on the Board and on various committees. Larry recently retired from Harris (after 20 years) to be my fulltime caregiver.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart and, as my husband would say, "Semper Fi". If you would like to contact me to further discuss the event or Parkinson's disease in general, please feel free to call me at **255-7179**.

Again, Thank You and God Bless.

Margie