



CureFest

FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER



SEPTEMBER 18 - 20, 2026
WASHINGTON, DC

Saturday, September 19, 2026 at Constitution Gardens

7:00 PM	Sydney Sherwood	National Anthem / Billy Jr.'s Sister & Advocate
7:03 PM	Molly Oldham	Co-host & Childhood Cancer Survivor
7:05 PM	Amanda Paul	Co-host & Childhood Cancer Fighter
7:07 PM	Keren Clay	Childhood Cancer Fighter
7:11 PM	Ignite the Light Performing Arts	Ashburn, VA
7:15 PM	Justice Hancock	Rylie's Sibling & Advocate
7:19 PM	Vyla Leynes	Childhood Cancer Survivor
7:23 PM	Zoey and Meyli Markward	Childhood Cancer Survivor and Her Mom
7:28 PM	Paige Jones	Childhood Cancer Survivor
7:32 PM	Kristen McElroy	Kyle's Mom & Advocate
7:36 PM	Eshan Vishwakarma	Childhood Cancer Survivor
7:40 PM	Sydney Sherwood	Billy Jr.'s Sister
7:44 PM	Maddie Holden	Childhood Cancer Advocate
7:48 PM	Beth Blakey	Cancer Hope Network
7:52 PM	Project X Dance Company	Ashburn, VA
7:56 PM	Tracy & Sophie Ryan	Childhood Cancer Fighter and Sophie's Mom
8:00 PM	Devon Still & Leah Still	Leah's Dad & Advocate, Childhood Cancer Survivor
8:04 PM	Molly Oldham	Skivolo's World Trailer
8:07 PM	Kavanagh Porter Academy (KPA) Irish Dance	United States & Ireland
8:11 PM	Katerina Levy, PsyD	Pediatric Psychologist
8:15 PM	Ciara Ballard	Halle's Mom & Advocate
8:19 PM	Jillian Kira Heath & Kelina Davis	Jillian, Childhood Cancer Fighter & Kelina, Kaden's Sibling
8:23 PM	Logan Shenker	Childhood Cancer Survivor
8:27 PM	Savage Dance Company	Sykesville, MD
8:31 PM	Rachna Prasad	Mithil's Sibling Advocate
8:35 PM	Dean Crowe	Rally Foundation
8:39 PM	Molly Oldham	Co-Host, Childhood Cancer Survivor
8:43 PM	Dena Sherwood	Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation Founder
8:49 PM	Mike Gillette	Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation
8:53 PM	C & C Dance Company	Bowie, MD
8:57 PM	Katey Lawyer	Childhood Cancer Survivor
9:01 PM	Ignite the Light Performing Arts	Ashburn, VA
9:05 PM	MaryAnn Massolio	1Voice Foundation
9:13 PM	Tina Smothers	Candlelight Vigil / Amazing Grace

The program concludes with a candlelight solidarity walk around the Constitution Gardens Pond. (app. 1/2 mile.)



Sunday, September 20, 2026 at Constitution Gardens

10:30 AM	Ignite the Light Performing Arts	National Anthem
10:33 AM	Hannah Adams	Co-host, Childhood Cancer Survivor
10:35 AM	Project X Dance Company	Ashburn, VA
10:39 AM	Sahil Mehta	Ronil's Sibling & Advocate
10:43 AM	Elevate Dance Company	Catlett, VA
10:47 AM	Meghan Smith	Childhood Cancer Survivor
10:51 AM	Ignite the Light Performing Arts	Ashburn, VA
10:55 AM	Hannah Adams	Co-host, Childhood Cancer Survivor
10:59 AM	Lydia Lee	Childhood Cancer Survivor
11:03 AM	C & C Dance Co.	Bowie, MD
11:07 AM	Addison Whipple	Childhood Cancer Survivor & Ashlyn's Sibling
11:11 AM	Urbana Dance and Performing Arts Studio	Ijamsville, MD
11:15 AM	Beth Blakey	Cancer Hope Network
11:19 AM	Nicklas Shalin & Josiah Smothers	Childhood Cancer Survivor & Childhood Cancer Advocate
11:23 AM	Noah & Adaleigh Wamsley	Childhood Cancer Survivor & Sibling Advocate
11:27 AM	K & J Dance Project	Reisterstown, MD
11:31 AM	Joshua Bie	Go Gold Club Founder
11:35 AM	Lily Uhlenhopp	Childhood Cancer Survivor
11:39 AM	Ignite the Light Performing Arts	Ashburn, VA
11:43 AM	C & C Dance Co	Bowie, MD
11:47 AM	LeAnna Headley	Childhood Cancer Advocate
11:57 AM	The Princess Program Foundation	The Princess Program Foundation
12:01 AM	MaryAnn Massolio	1Voice Foundation
12:09 PM	Savage Dance Company	Sykesville, MD

Program concludes with the Shoe Memorial Ceremony.



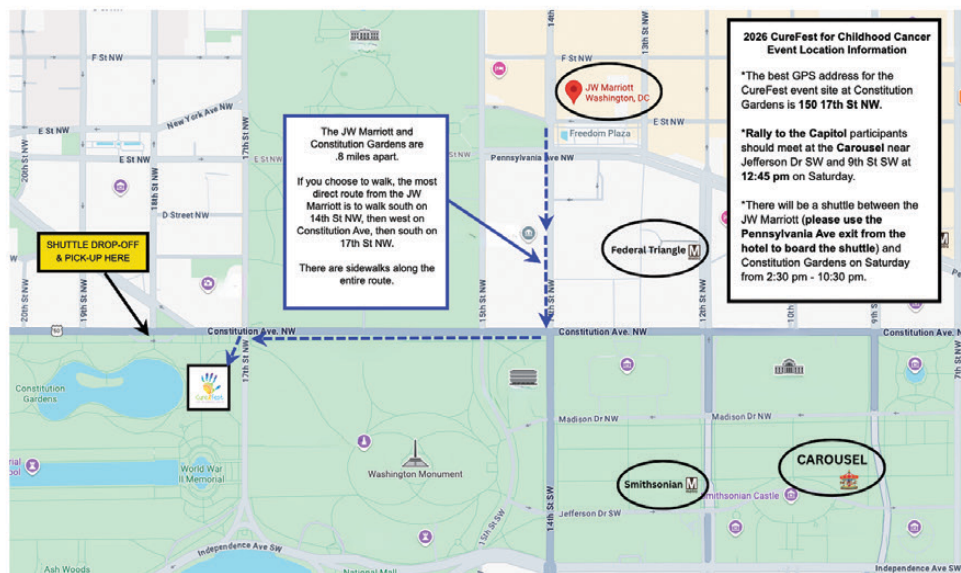
Exhibitors During the Meet and Greet on Saturday

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Constitution Gardens

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Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation
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Elevate Childhood Cancer Research and Advocacy
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West Virginia Kids Cancer Crusaders
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White House Gifts

CUREFEST SITE MAP



LOCATIONS

Friday Welcome Event: Indoors at the JW Marriott (1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW). Featuring kids' activities, rally sign-making, bereavement support, and survivor connections.

Saturday & Sunday Events: Constitution Gardens on the National Mall (GPS Address: 150 17th St NW). All weekend activities and the Tribute Walls will be hosted here.

Saturday Rally to the Capitol: Meet at the Carousels near Jefferson Dr SW and 9th St SW at 12:45 PM on Saturday.

GETTING AROUND

Walking (Fastest Option): The JW Marriott and Constitution Gardens are 0.8 miles apart. Head south on 14th St NW, west on Constitution Ave, then south on 17th St NW.

Saturday Shuttle Service: Runs continuously between the JW Marriott (Pennsylvania Ave exit) and Constitution Gardens (Constitution Ave near 18th St NW) from 2:30 PM to 10:30 PM on Saturday ONLY. (Note: No shuttle service on Sunday).

Metro (Recommended for Commuters): Smithsonian & Federal Triangle (Orange/Blue/Silver) and Farragut West (Orange/Blue/Silver) are about a 15-minute walk. Farragut North (Red) is ~20 minutes.

Parking: Parking near the Mall is extremely limited and fills early. If driving, strongly consider reserving a space in advance via SpotHero.

Rideshares (Uber/Lyft): Set destination to 150 17th St NW for Constitution Gardens, or 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW for the JW Marriott.

THE HISTORY OF *CureFest*

FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

CureFest for Childhood Cancer is an initiative of the Arms Wide Open Childhood Cancer Foundation (AWOCCF). Journey 4 A CureFest started in 2011 when Journey 4 A Cure hosted a small awareness/fundraiser in Northern Virginia.

 After a one-year absence, while at an advocacy event in Washington, DC, Donna Carmical (Journey 4 A Cure) asked Dena Sherwood (Arms Wide Open) her thoughts and ideas on resurrecting the event. In 2013, Donna and Dena collaborated, bringing CureFest to Washington, DC as a childhood cancer community event rather than a fundraising event benefiting just one foundation.

 The following year, Arms Wide Open partnered with Journey 4 A Cure, The Rally Foundation, Mystic Force Foundation, and Frankie's Mission to expand the initiative.



In the years since, CureFest has grown into a multi-day event with hundreds of foundations participating and thousands of attendees from all 50 states and several countries.

Dena Sherwood, Co-Founder and President of AWOCCF, shares why continuing CureFest is important to her and the foundation.

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Knowing that CureFest has become the centerpiece of the Childhood Cancer Community is absolutely humbling to me. The event has become what it is today due to years of prayer for wisdom and guidance to make the event exactly what it was intended to be and what is necessary to meet the needs of all who attend. When I think of CureFest, I think of family, I think of unity, I think of belonging, I think of support, I think of comfort, I think of compassion, I think of love, I think of friendships, I think of advocacy, I think of awareness, I think of collaboration, I think of partnerships, I think of information sharing. I think that CureFest has become so much to so many and it is such a blessing to be able to bring this gift to the Childhood Cancer Community each year. I am thankful for each and every one of our sponsors and volunteers who come alongside us to make CureFest possible each year; we couldn't do it without you!”



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AWOCCF is committed to funding pediatric cancer research, supporting families, raising awareness, uniting the childhood cancer community, and working to ensure that the children who survive cancer thrive and grow to become emotionally healthy adults.

Moreover, Arms Wide Open is helping transform the childhood cancer landscape through their many initiatives, such as their Emmy-Award winning documentaries and awareness campaign, The Truth 365, which gives all children with cancer a voice, and by hosting, CureFest, an annual event in Washington, DC, that brings foundations and advocates together to speak as one voice on behalf of all children fighting cancer.



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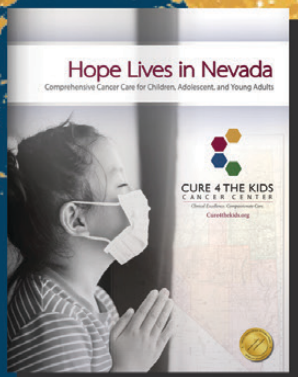
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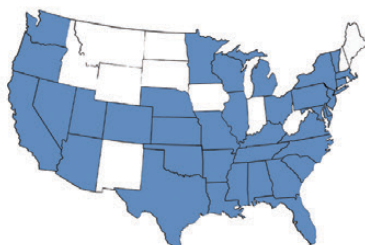


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