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DAY AIR BALLPARK TO HOST AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEART WALK ON SEPTEMBER 23

Dayton, Ohio – Day Air Ballpark will host the American Heart Association's Greater Dayton Heart Walk on Saturday, September 23, beginning at 8:30 a.m. A signature event of the American Heart Association, the Heart Walk promotes physical activity and healthy living in an environment that's fun for the whole family. All proceeds will go toward funding research and education involving the reduction of heart disease and stroke. Individuals or teams can register online at **heart.org/daytonwalk** or by calling (937) 401-4862.

The Walk is specifically designed for children and adults of all ages and abilities. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m., which is also when the gates open at Day Air Ballpark. Opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. The Heart Walk is scheduled to begin immediately afterwards.

Registration is quick and easy if you visit <u>heart.org/daytonwalk</u>. Once you click "Join Us Today," you can join a team, join as an individual, or start your own team. After you complete registration, you can personalize your site and invite friends and family to participate or sponsor your efforts.

Click here for Frequently Asked Questions regarding the 2023 Greater Dayton Heart Walk.

Participants can also download the new Heart Walk Mobile App with many great features.

"The Dayton Heart Walk is one day to celebrate the work that's being done year-round to promote heart health in the Miami Valley," said Audrey Starr, Dayton Executive Director of the American Heart Association. "We know that heart disease is the number one killer in America. Every walker who joins, every dollar raised, means more lives saved. These donations support groundbreaking research, CPR training in our community, and more lifesaving moments for hearts big and small."

The American Heart Association is a leading and relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Since the inception of the Heart Walk, mortality rates from cardiovascular disease and stroke have plummeted by 45 percent. Each walker and each donation has helped to transform health statistics into lives saved. Why? Each time someone laces up their shoes or forms a team to participate in the Heart Walk they are instrumental in innovative breakthroughs. Every donation helps create new technologies such as the artificial heart valve, cholesterol drugs, stents, and the mechanical heart pump which helps extend the life of patients. The Heart Walk is open to the community and all are welcome to participate and change the story of heart disease and stroke in the Miami Valley. The American Heart Association is working to fund big ideas that will pioneer breakthroughs in our understanding and treatment of heart disease and stroke.

ABOUT THE MIAMI VALLEY DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Located in Kettering, the Miami Valley Division of the American Heart Association covers 12 counties in the area and is committed to fighting heart disease and stroke throughout Ohio. The mission of the American Heart Association is to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. For more information, visit heart.org/dayton.

*Approved Dragons marks, logos, photos, and videos can be found here: https://daytondragonscs.box.com/s/vawgwub6gite6ajcinn14j6k6eb73tj9

More Information: The Dayton Dragons are the affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds and play 66 home games at beautiful Day Air Ballpark, in the heart of the Water Street District. Contact the Dragons by calling at (937) 228-2287, emailing at dragons@daytondragons.com, or go to daytondragons.com. For more information, please visit the following links:

- 2024 Schedule: https://www.milb.com/dayton/team/schedule
- Season Tickets: https://www.milb.com/dayton/tickets/seasontickets
- Group and Hospitality Options: https://www.milb.com/dayton/tickets/groupoutings

The Dragons sellout streak continues with over 1,507 sellouts over the past 23 years and is a testament to the Dayton area community. Support the Dayton Dragons and become a Dragons season ticket holder for first access to stadium improvements and new seating in 2025.

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