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Help Change Someone's Future Walk For All Who Struggle With Autism

ST. LOUIS – Autism Speaks is holding their 10th annual 5K Saturday, Oct. 13 at Forest Park in St. Louis. The Walk Now 5K is a family-friendly event that provides funding for vital autism research.

Every 11 minutes a child is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Autism is a brain disorder that usually affects children before age 3. Having this disorder makes it hard to communicate and relate to others. Essentially, autism makes it impossible for different areas in the brain to work together.

Carly Hohenboken, secretary of SIUE's National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association has rallied a team together to support the cause.

"The cause for autism is still unknown, but autism is becoming more prevalent. It feels good to help and give back to not only an amazing cause, but also something so near and dear to my heart, said Hohenboken.

To register for the Walk Now 5K or learn more about Autism Speaks, please visit http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org. The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 12 by 5 p.m. No registration fee is required, and everyone can help make a difference in the lives of those who have autism.

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