



Dear Sponsor,

If you haven't heard of Celiac Disease (CD), you will soon: CD is an inherited autoimmune disease. Ingestion of gluten (wheat, barley, rye or their derivatives) causes an autoimmune response that damages the small intestinal lining in genetically susceptible individuals. CD is estimated to occur at 1 in 133 healthy people (not showing symptoms) in the United States. For people showing symptoms, this statistic is dramatically increased to 1 in 56. Presently, it is estimated that more than 80% of individuals in the United States with CD have not yet been diagnosed. Due to a large amount of symptoms, it takes, on average, about 7-11 years for a person to be diagnosed from their first onset of symptoms.

Undetected, even in the asymptomatic, CD may lead to cancer, malabsorption, migraines, depression, osteoporosis, infertility, dental enamel defects and more. It is the undiagnosed, newly diagnosed and their health care providers we educate as we join in the **Tri-Country Celiac Support Group Walk for Celiac Disease Awareness and Research on June 8, 2019 at Hines Park in Westland, MI.**

Sponsor our local run and have your name put on our Beat the Wheat T-shirt, see details below*.

Your tax-deductible contribution supports cutting-edge awareness education and the progressive research at the University of Chicago Medicine Celiac Disease Center, University of Michigan Celiac Disease Program and Tri-County Celiac Support Group programming.

Sincerely,

April Malone
April Malone, Chairperson

Maria Corsi
Maria Corsi, Chairperson

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***YOUR DONATION OF \$300 OR MORE PLACES YOUR (ORGANIZATION) NAME and phone number or e-mail on the event t-shirt.** For \$300 it will also market your company logo on our running page at TCCSG.net for one full year (June 2019-May 2020) and in our newsletter following the run. If you are donating \$500 or more, your company will be promoted on the home and run page of TCCSG.net for one full year (June 2019-May 2020) and in our newsletter following the run.

Name of Company, phone number **or** e-mail to be placed on T-Shirt: (please email Maria & April at tccsgceliacwalk@gmail.com for your logo)

Company Information: _____

Thank you for your support!