

5th Annual 5K Walk/Hike for Meso Raises Over \$122,000 for Mesothelioma Research

LOS ANGELES, CA , U.S., November 17, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Pacific Mesothelioma Center](#) at the [Pacific Heart, Lung & Blood Institute](#) celebrated the fifth anniversary of its annual 5K Walk/Hike for Meso on Oct. 23rd 2016, at the Paramount Ranch. With over 350 walkers, the event raised \$122,000 to find better treatments for malignant pleural mesothelioma, an asbestos-related form of cancer. Mesothelioma affects almost 3,000 people in the US each year, one third of whom are veterans.

Presented by [Worthington & Caron](#), P.C, the event brought together people who can personally relate to the cause. Twenty four teams, consisting of family members and friends of those who have mesothelioma, as well as supporting organizations and individual walkers, gathered at the park at 9 a.m. for check-in and team photos. Each registrant received a free T-shirt before leaving on the 5K or 1-mile hike.

The walkers had an opportunity to test their memory skills by remembering the many “meso awareness” statements

dotted around the course. The first 10 correct answers received AMC movie tickets.

After the Walk, participants enjoyed a catered lunch by local Agoura Hills favorite Italia Deli. The event also offered David’s Tea, Duverger Macarons, Monster energy drinks, Mustache Mike’s Italian Ice and a concert by The Six Billion Dollar Band. The live auction featured items such as a photo safari for two in South Africa and a VIP LA Dodgers package. The silent auction and opportunity drawing featured items such as gift baskets, dining and adventure certificates and weekend getaways.

Prior to the day of the event, participants were also encouraged to fundraise on their own and compete for an engraved Top Fundraising Team award. Besides asking for donations, some teams took a creative route in raising their funds and awareness for the cause, such as a Pasta Party by Team Jarvis, and a Powerball at Captain’s Treasure Chest by Team Ganoë.



Team Chuck Jarvis

Many walk to honor those they have lost to this devastating disease. Returning walker Jennipher Baeza states “Research for this cancer is extremely underfunded, and by walking, not only do we raise money for research, we also raise awareness. My dad, like many others, suffered in a way that no one should have to, and I hope one day that no family or individual has to live through the devastating effects of mesothelioma. I participate in this walk each year because I made a promise to my dad before he passed away that I will continue his fight”.



About The Pacific Mesothelioma Center:

The Pacific Heart, Lung & Blood Institute (PHLBI), a 501(c)(3) is a non-profit medical research

institute established in 2002. One of the divisions, The Pacific Mesothelioma Center (PMC) is focused on the treatment and prevention of malignant pleural mesothelioma (MPM). The exploration of innovative ideas forms the foundation of PMC's unique research program and provides the promise of future treatment breakthroughs. PMC is dedicated to educating the public on asbestos-related diseases and informing them of their best treatment options. PMC also connects newly diagnosed patients with patients that have been through treatment and provides assistance and emotional support.

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