



Presents:

1st Annual
“Never Walk Alone”

Walk For Recovery
Sunday, June 9, 2024
9:00-12:00

Willow Bay, Onondaga Lake Park



This year, Devin’s Rec Room, CNY’s first ever Sober Active community, presents the inaugural “Never Walk Alone” Walk for Recovery - a benefit walk to bring attention to the societal stigma of Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Issues.

Most people know a person or family who have been affected by Substance Use Disorder. In 2023 there were 113 overdose fatalities in Onondaga County. Although that number is down from two years ago, it has still almost doubled in the last ten years. And this does not count people suffering from Alcohol Use Disorder. And although these numbers have risen, unfortunately, those seeking treatment has steadily declined to a five year low in 2022.

Why? Stigma. Dr. Jerome Adams, former US Surgeon General, said, *“I think the biggest killer (in the US) is Stigma. Stigma keeps people in the shadows. Stigma keeps people from coming forward and asking for help. Stigma keeps families from admitting that there is a problem.”*

“Never Walk Alone” invites people to bring their LEASHED pet (whatever it is) to walk with them. This celebrates the importance of pets in the lives of those in post-treatment. By walking together we remember and show support for our loved ones’ recovery journey. This event also helps raise money to build Devin’s Rec Room, CNY’s first Sober Active Community Center. (visit DevinsRecRoom.org for more information).

But, we need your help. Please consider a donation or one of the sponsorship levels below to help end the stigma of Substance Use Disorder and Mental illness in CNY.

Sponsorship Levels:

Bronze Medal Sponsor: \$250 - Includes large logo lawn sign along route

Silver Medal Sponsor: \$500 - includes above and name on event advertising

Gold Medal Sponsor: \$1,000 or more - Includes above and listed on Devin’s Rec Room website as a CNY Recovery Supporter.

Together, we are stronger. Thank you!