

Since the beginning of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the American Heart Association has been closely following the guidance from the CDC and state and local health officials regarding our events. The safety of our guests has been and will continue to be our top priority.

In order to control the spread of the virus, the CDC is recommending not holding events with crowds of 50 or more for the next eight weeks. We know you were excited about attending the Heart Walk on March 28th and helping make it the best it can be. As we are not able to bring the community together in person on that date, our team is working diligently to make plans on how we can still celebrate and recognize all of the work that has been put in to support the 2020 Hilo Heart Walk.

We thank YOU, our incredible community, who have given so much time and energy to ensure our Heart Walk is successful and helps spread the mission of the American Heart Association. And, we thank our sponsors and donors, who have generously given through the Heart Walk to improve our community's health.

The funds we raise going forward are critical to our urgent mission: to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Gifts made through the Heart Walk are still as vital as ever! They are used to fund lifesaving research, support health and education initiatives in our community, improve the quality of care in our hospitals, advocate for healthy policies and so much more to benefit our ohana.

We know that many of you have questions around how the coronavirus impacts individuals with underlying health issues, such as cardiovascular disease. The American Heart Association will continue to update [this web page](#) with coronavirus health information and tips to help people keep up their heart healthy habits amid virus concerns.

We are sorry we won't be seeing you in person on March 28th and we appreciate your support as we adapt our plans. We will be reaching out to you very soon!

Mahalo for your understanding and support!

Aloha,

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