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**The Parkinson’s Foundation Announces Request for Applications for Community Grants in Washington, DC, Northern VA, and Maryland**

**—Monies Raised by Moving Day® to help fund Health, Wellness and Education Programs—**

**Washington, DC, September 20, 2017**—The Parkinson’s Foundation is proud to announce that it is requesting applications for community grants that will be awarded in the DMV for health, wellness and education programs for people living with Parkinson’s disease (PD) and their caregivers.

Through monies raised by Moving Day® DC, a grassroots fundraising and awareness walk, the foundation will fund local programs to help people live well with Parkinson’s today. Community grant applications can be submitted electronically and are due by November 17, 2017. Prospective applicants may contact the foundation for application templates, or to verify their eligibility at programs@parkinson.org.

“These Moving Day® community grants will enable us to partner with local organizations which provide life-changing services to the Parkinson’s community,” said Tami Brown/Community Development Manager “From music therapy to dance classes, these programs help improve the quality of life for people living with this disease.”

The 2017 community grant offerings focus on:

* Addressing unmet needs in the Parkinson’s community: services for underserved populations, support for clinical trial recruitment for under-represented populations and other unmet needs such as financial barriers to care;
* Expanding a successful program into a new geography;
* Developing a new program for people with Parkinson’s.

Funds raised through Moving Day® also support the Parkinson’s Foundation mission by supporting the Center of Excellence network that delivers care to more than 100,000 Parkinson’s patients worldwide; by funding cutting-edge research like the *Parkinson’s Outcomes Project*, aimed at better treatment and care; by providing free patient resources for patients and their families, such as a toll-free Helpline (1-800-4PD-INFO) and the life-saving *Aware in Care* hospital kit.

Moving Day®, A Walk for Parkinson’s, has raised nearly $14 million dollars to date in 100 cities across the country. Moving Day® is made possible, in part, through the generous support of our National Partners:Lundbeck, Right at Home, Sunovion, AbbVie, and UCB. For more information, visit [www.movingdaywalk.org](http://www.movingdaywalk.org). To make a difference in your community, register today for Moving Day® DC, taking place on June 2, 2018, visit www.MovingDayDC.og.

**About the Parkinson’s Foundation**The Parkinson’s Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson’s by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience, and passion of our global Parkinson’s community. For more information, visit [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org) or call (800) 4PD-INFO (473-4636).

**About Parkinson's Disease (PD)**Affecting an estimated one million Americans and ten million worldwide, PD is the second most common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's and is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States. It is associated with a progressive loss of motor control (e.g., shaking or tremor at rest and lack of facial expression) as well as non-motor symptoms (e.g., depression and anxiety). There is no cure for PD and 60,000 new cases are diagnosed each year in the United States alone.

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