

16th Annual

Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Virtual Walk and Run!

June 29 – July 10, 2021



Thank you for this opportunity to introduce you to the Oregon Chapter of the Scleroderma Foundation, and to ask for your support for an upcoming event.

Scleroderma is a devastating autoimmune disorder that affects an estimated 300,000 people in the United States, yet it is not widely known and often goes undiagnosed. The Scleroderma Foundation is a national, non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status (Tax ID #52-1375827) and was established in 1998.

The Oregon Chapter works to improve the lives of our community by supporting the Scleroderma Foundation's three-fold mission:

- Support - We hold support group meetings where patients and family members can gain invaluable knowledge and emotional support from other patients.
- Education - We provide patients with information, educate the public, offer free educational seminars with lectures from scleroderma experts, and more.
- Research - We raise money to fund the important research into finding treatments and hopefully one day, a cure for scleroderma.
- ...plus advocacy, awareness, and so much more!

This year, our 16th annual "Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma" benefit walk and run is going virtual to keep everyone safe while we continue to raise money for the Oregon Chapter and vital scleroderma research.



Our success relies on the generosity of others. Would you consider lending your support to our community?

If you have questions or would like more information about this event, the Oregon Chapter, or the Scleroderma Foundation, please feel free to contact us at ORchapter@scleroderma.org, call (503) 245-4588, or visit our website at: www.scleroderma.org/oregon

Thank you so much for your time and consideration!



Oregon Chapter Stepping Out

The Oregon Chapter has been "Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma" for 16 years! In recent years this event has been attended by around 250 people and raises around \$30,000 annually for the Scleroderma Foundation!

Since the event is virtual this year, we hope that more people attend that would normally be unable to due to distance or illness. We are encouraging participants to invite their family and friends to join their team, "step out" all over the world, and help raise awareness and funds for a cure!

A few facts about scleroderma:

- There is currently no cure. We can only attempt to treat symptoms and slow the progression. Severity can range from disfiguring to disabling - and even fatal.
- While scleroderma causes hardening of the skin (the word literally means "hard skin") the internal organs are affected as well.
- Organs commonly affected include lungs, kidneys, heart, and digestive system.
- Since all parts of the body can be affected, everyone's symptoms are different, making scleroderma very difficult to diagnose!



Sponsorship Opportunities



Please return by May 31, 2021

Bronze - \$250

- Logo or name printed on t-shirts
- Logo or name featured on our website
- Post of sponsorship on social media
- Company name featured in all emails

Silver - \$500

- All of the above, plus...
- Individual sponsor post on social media
- Logo shown in video on social media
- Logo featured in all emails

Gold - \$1000+

- All of both the above levels, plus...
- Coupon or advertisement included in digital packet sent to all participants
- Premium logo placement on t-shirts
- Individual verbal recognition in a video on social media

I would like to sponsor at the following level:

- Bronze - \$250 Silver - \$500 Gold - \$1000 Other: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Please return by May 31 to:

Scleroderma Foundation
P.O. Box 19296
Portland, OR 97280-0296

Or email to:
ORchapter@scleroderma.org

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

- Checks may be made payable to Scleroderma Foundation Oregon Chapter
- If you wish to pay with a credit/debit card, or if you have any questions - please email us at: ORchapter@scleroderma.org