



# CATALYST

Growing Funds for Parkinson's Research

## Above and Beyond at USC Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Center

Since its inception in the year 2000, Team Parkinson has counted among its most loyal supporters the USC Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Center. This is the perfect mutually beneficial relationship.

Under the leadership of Dr. Mark Lew, the Center supports Team Parkinson activities each year through active participation of its doctors and staff as well as numerous patient referrals who join our team both as athletes and fundraisers, and we support



*Drs. Michael Jakowec and Giselle Petzinger present a framed copy of USC research publication supported by Team Parkinson to John & Edna Ball, & Carol Walton.*

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USC's Parkinson's disease research through grants. Overall Team Parkinson has granted \$85,000 for various research projects over the years, some of which have led to leveraged grants from the National Institutes of Health.

Of special interest to Team Parkinson are the exercise studies conducted at USC. Because we are so closely linked to events that have exercise tie-ins, we are thrilled to see the validating work that USC is doing to confirm that in fact exercise is a key component in the fight to improve quality of life with Parkinson's disease. You can read about some of the work being done with Team Parkinson dollars at USC on our website at [www.team-parkinson.org](http://www.team-parkinson.org). A very special thank you to Steve and Lynn Frankel, who raised over \$30,000 for LA Marathon 2007 and hold a very special place at USC.

But where USC shines "above and beyond" is in their doctors' and staff commitment to join Team Parkinson members on the race course. Over the years we have had several of them running and walking the full 26.2-mile marathon and the 5K. And in March 2008, the husband and wife team of Drs. Michael Jakowec and Giselle Petzinger will be running the marathon together! Now that's support! We are so gratified that they believe in us so strongly and in the power of exercise, that they would take on this incredible challenge for our organization. ☺



*Team Parkinson presents USC with a \$25,000 check for Parkinson's disease research. Steven & Lynn Frankel join in the presentation.*

## 13th Parkinson's Unity Walk Raises Funds for Parkinson's Research while offering a day of Community, Education and Fun

"The sea of people is amazing," exclaimed Michelle Charlesworth, ABC-TV news media anchorwoman and master of ceremonies, as she addressed the crowd, estimated at over 11,000 people, at the 13th Parkinson's Unity Walk, held under sunny skies on Saturday, April 28th, in New York City's Central Park!

The Walk raised over \$1.6 million for Parkinson's research. Not only is the impact made monetarily-the Walk changes peoples lives. People leave inspired and full of energy. Thousands of people, including more than 300 teams, walked the wheelchair-accessible, 2-mile circular path under blue skies and gentle breezes. At the 'Ask the Doctor Booth,' participants are also able to learn about new therapies, clinical trials, or locate a support group. It is truly a Community and Education Day!

All funds raised from the Walk are designated for research and will be distributed among the major U.S. Parkinson's disease foundations, including the American Parkinson Disease Association, the National Parkinson Foundation, The Parkinson Alliance, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the Parkinson's Institute, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, and Parkinson's Action Network.

Our generous sponsors make it possible for 100% of participant's contributions to go directly to Parkinson's research.

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Join the  
Parkinson's Unity Walk  
Community &  
Education Day  
in April 2008

For more information,  
please visit our website at  
[www.unitywalk.org](http://www.unitywalk.org)  
or call  
1-866-PUW-WALK  
(1-866-789-9255)



Michael J. Fox and Tamra Cantore

The Parkinson's Unity Walk website makes it easy for everyone to help by making a general donation, sponsoring a walker, registering for the Walk in New York City or fundraising where you live.

Please visit [unitywalk.org](http://unitywalk.org) to see how you can help. Or call Stacie Mishler, Event Director, at 1-866-PUW-WALK (1-866-789-9255)



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## Team Parkinson® Reaches Higher

After passing the milestone \$1 million mark in money raised, Team Parkinson (TP) moved full speed ahead to reach even higher.

On Monday July, 16, 2007, we had our 2nd Annual Team Parkinson Golf Classic at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier, CA, coordinated again by Donna Tetreault and Andrew Bunnin and their wonderful family of volunteers. It was a beautiful, sunny day for over 90 golfers. Golf pros Bruce Lewis and Cherie Zaun added to the festivities with a clinic and a challenge. Dr. Giselle Petzinger of USC spoke at the dinner. Food and drinks were superb, the auction was loads of fun and everyone went home very satisfied, especially the winning foursome of Andrew Bunnin, Dave Solomon, Mark Anten and Chad Gahr. Join us next year for this fun event on Monday, June 30, 2008.

And in its third year at the San Francisco Marathon on July 29, 2007, TP once again had the largest number of participants and raised the most money... \$40,000! Special thanks to premier sponsor Valeant Pharmaceuticals, as well as Franklin Templeton Investments and Vernalis for their support. Special kudos go to Francesca Demgen, Dan Driscoll, Gregg Riehl, Dewey Richardson, John Ball, John Campbell (& Pamela) and Dan Kiefer who all ran or walked with Parkinson's disease! TP San Francisco coordinator Jennifer Bugnatto invites everyone back to this great city next year on Sunday, August 3, 2008.

For more details and event photos visit Team Parkinson at [www.team-parkinson.org](http://www.team-parkinson.org).



### Get Involved!

You may participate in one of our established events, or use an upcoming event in your area to help Team Parkinson expand its fund raising efforts.

For more information call toll free 866-822-CURE or visit our website at [www.team-parkinson.org](http://www.team-parkinson.org).



*Team Parkinson San Francisco Participants*



*Golf foursome: Dan Kiefer, John & David Ball, & Evan Henry*

## Upcoming Events — 2008

### A Night of Culinary Delight

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Princeton, NJ

### Tango for Parkinson's

Saturday, February 2, 2008

Princeton, NJ

### Team Parkinson at the Los Angeles Marathon

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Los Angeles, CA

### Parkinson's Unity Walk

April, 2008

Central Park, NYC

### 3rd Annual Team Parkinson Golf Classic

Monday, June 30, 2008

Whittier, CA

### Team Parkinson at the San Francisco Marathon

Sunday, August 3, 2008

San Francisco, CA

## Carnegie Center 5K & Fun Run for The Parkinson Alliance

The 8th annual Carnegie Center 5K (and 1 Mile Fun Run) for The Parkinson Alliance was held on Saturday, September 29th.

The weather conditions were absolutely perfect for the more than 400 runners & walkers. The Parkinson Alliance wishes to thank all of the corporate sponsors, runners, walkers, and volunteers who helped to make this year's event a tremendous success! For more information and event photos visit our website at [www.parkinsonalliance.org](http://www.parkinsonalliance.org).



Top: Team Kyowa

Left: Ken Vercammen crosses the finish line.

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