

BKDer's Contribute to Type 1 Diabetes Research

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Several BKD offices celebrate National Diabetes Awareness Month with fundraiser success.

More than 900,000 individuals participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) One Walk® fundraiser every year. One Walk is the world's largest Type 1 diabetes (T1D) event and has nearly 200 walks around the country annually. JDRF has raised more than \$2 billion to date.

This year, BKDer's in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Waco participated in the walk and contributed \$4,250 to JDRF, matched by \$5,000 from BKD. Fallon Donlan from BKD's Dallas office is thrilled to kick off National Diabetes Awareness Month with overwhelming support and participation throughout the offices. As a T1 diabetic of 19 years, Fallon seeks greater awareness of the disease the most.



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After Dallas Partner Barry Adamson introduced her to JDRF, Fallon has since become a Young Leadership Committee member for the Dallas chapter. She meets regularly with the rest of the committee to discuss various fundraising, networking, and social T1D events.

"The goal for every one of our meetings and events is to coordinate a successful event that's well-attended and produces research donations. Every year, we coordinate the North Texas One Walk, the JDRF Dream Gala, and additional smaller fundraisers. I've developed so many new relationships with locals who also care about developing a cure and raising awareness for diabetes," says Fallon.

JDRF's webpage states, "[T1D] is a serious autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone essential to turning food into energy. There is currently nothing you can do to prevent it—and there is no cure."

There are many days where Fallon's diabetes doesn't want to cooperate with her day or job. Back-to-back low or high blood sugars and endless juice boxes are simply another part of her life.

"Thankfully, my insulin pump, continuous glucose sensor, and support from co-workers have made things more manageable. I hope all people with diabetes have resources and families, friends, and co-workers who make them feel the same," says Fallon.

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