



This Week in Bethesda

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WALK4HEARING

Put the FUN in FUNdraising!

With the 2017 spring Walk4Hearing fast approaching, it's time to put the FUN in FUNdraising! We know that not everyone is comfortable "making the ask." A handy Fundraising Guide is now available in [My Walk Center](#) to ease your fears of asking for support and help you achieve your fundraising goals. You must be a registered walker to access the Fundraising Guide.

NEW FEATURE! Now located in [My Walk Center](#), you can easily share your fundraising page on Facebook! You can let your friends and family know you need their support, ask them to join your team or make a donation.

2017 Spring Walk4Hearing Locations:

- May 13 – Dayton/Cincinnati, Ohio
- May 13 – Westchester/Rockland, New York
- May 13 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- May 20 – Milford, Michigan
- May 21 – Hartford, Connecticut
- June 10 – Long Beach, California
- June 11 – Littleton, Colorado

Go to walk4hearing.org for more information.

CHAPTERS

IRS Form 990 Filing Reminders

Chapter leaders – please do not forget to file your IRS Form 990 before May 15, 2017. The IRS has started revoking the tax-exempt status of all organizations that have not filed for the past three years but are required to do so. This could significantly impact the chapter or state organization's ability to raise funds or solicit donations and cause you to go through the lengthy and costly process to have the IRS reinstate your tax-exempt status.

In addition to ensuring the affiliate (chapter or state association) is in compliance with IRS requirements, chapters and state organizations must have their 501(c)(3) tax-





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exempt status and be up to date on their filings in order to participate in the Walk4Hearing or accept individual or corporate donations, grants and others.

Be certain file your chapter or state association's Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N for 2016 in a timely fashion. For chapters that follow a calendar year, these forms must be filed by May 15, 2017; for those on a fiscal year, the filing date is the 15th day of the 5th month following your fiscal year end. If your chapter or state association has not filed a previous year's Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N, it should do so as soon as possible.

Find more information on the [Chapter and State Development Blog](#).

J.D. Taylor Workshop

Chapter and state leaders attending HLAA2017 Convention – keep in mind one of the great workshops we have lined up for you! J.D. Taylor, who has done training workshops for clients such as PETCO, H&R Block, McDonald's and many more, will be presenting a three-hour leadership workshop specifically for our chapter and state leaders. His *Leadership is Intentional Influence* presentation will address the challenging aspects of leadership, as well as principles and strategies involved in successful leadership models.

You will not want to miss this! Visit the [Chapter News](#) page for more information.

