



There are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States, or 7% of the population, who have diabetes. While an estimated 14.6 million have been diagnosed, unfortunately, 6.2 million people (or nearly one-third) are unaware that they have the disease. That means that almost 6000 people in the Flathead Valley are diabetic with 2000 being undiagnosed cases. I am sure you know someone that is affected by Diabetes.

How can you make a difference in the daily lives of people with diabetes in the Flathead Valley?

The past two years, the Kalispell Lions Club & the Diabetes Care Program at KRMC have organized the Strides Walk for Diabetes awareness to raise funds to help people with their daily struggle with diabetes. This year we have joined with Taking Control of Your Diabetes (TCOYD). TCOYD is a national group founded to educate diabetics. Money from the Strides walks in the past helped in bringing TCOYD to Kalispell in the fall of 2007 and they are coming back in 2008. We will be holding the walk to coincide with the TCOYD seminar on September 20th, 2008. Over 600 people attended the seminar last year so we are expecting a great crowd for the walk.

The funds raised have gone to help people who can not afford diabetic supplies, education for both adults and children and eye care and glasses programs. One of the programs funded by the walk was the KRMC Kids program held in November of 2007. 37 people attended this free event including 17 children and teens with diabetes.

We need your support to continue these types of events so please fill out the attached form or contact the Diabetes Care program at KRMC today.

Thank you for your support.



Kalispell Lions Club



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