

Team RELAC Three-Peat Champs?

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March of Dimes Regional Director Velma Brooks-Benson recently welcomed Team RELAC to the 2022 March for Babies campaign. Reviewing previous campaigns, Brooks-Benson congratulated RELAC for being the top Los Angeles County team in 2020 and RELAC member Joe Kelly as the top walker. In 2021, Team RELAC again placed as the top Los Angeles County team. The talk on the Walk is can RELAC become a three-peat champion in 2022? The challenge has been accepted!

March of Dimes has announced that the 2022 Walk for Babies event is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 at 9 a.m. as a live event at Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles. Public health protocols will be followed, including the wearing of face masks and social distancing.

Team RELAC Co-Captains Linda Hopkins and Evelyn Gutierrez are also encouraging members to form their own neighborhood walks, including their neighbors and friends. Supporting medical research and services essential to the healthy birth of premature babies, especially grandchildren, is the goal.

RELAC thanks its members, families and friends for the continued support and generosity that will provide needed funding during the medical challenges presented by COVID-19 and new variants.

Brooks-Benson also announced that the continued MOD Loyalty and Recognition Program will enable fundraising results to be reported by June 30 for official recognition of team achievements. RELAC's 2022 goal is to receive the March for Babies Three-Peat Champion award!

RELAC members can send a check payable to March of Dimes, noting 2022 March for Babies in the left lower area. Mail the check to the RELAC office in Alhambra, attention MOD 2022 Team. To make online donations, go to the March for Babies posting and donor link on RELAC's website at relac.org. To reach the team co-captains, e-mail Hopkins at lhopkins1054@gmail.com or Gutierrez at egfierro@cs.com.