

**AIDS Walk South Dallas** took place on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. The goal is to inspire, rally and galvanize the community of South Dallas and surrounding areas to continue to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS and assist those impacted. AIDS Walk South Dallas is facilitated annually by Auntjuan 'Mr Community' Wiley who is also a director on the Board of HOPE Cape Town USA.



Despite the rain, many turned up to participate in AIDS Walk South Dallas including the Reverend Father Stefan Hippler, founder and chairperson of HOPE Cape Town Trust and director of HOPE Cape Town USA, Stacie Greskowiak-McNulty with young activist, Jordan McNulty.





### **Interesting facts about AIDS Walk South Dallas:**

#### **Mission**

The mission of AIDS Walk South Dallas, Inc. is to empower all persons living with and affected by HIV/AIDS with emphasis on African-American MSM's (Men Who Have Sex with Men), through prevention, advocacy, education, peer support, linkage to care and emergency financial assistance.

#### **History**

AIDS Walk South Dallas, Inc. was founded in 2009 to address the needs of marginalized and low-income communities and individuals impacted by HIV, whether living with or affected. We began as a local 5k walk in a marginalized low income area in Dallas and one that has a high concentration of HIV cases. Our goal was to inspire, educate and galvanize the community and other surrounding areas of the city to continue to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS and assist those impacted. Our Founder and current CEO knew that the community needed more than just a walk once a year and so programs and services were created taking a true holistic approach allowing the organization to now reach thousands every year and truly impact and change lives in a positive way.

#### **Purpose**

Our purpose is to address the specific issues and needs of people living with HIV/AIDS with a focus on linkage to care and retention, medication access and adherence, viral suppression and address the social determinants of health.

