



Tri County Celiac Support Group

Dear **Gluten Free/Celiac Supporter:**

Have you heard of Celiac Disease (CD)? CD is an inherited autoimmune disease. Ingestion of gluten (wheat, barley, rye or their derivatives) causes an autoimmune response that damages the small intestinal lining in genetically susceptible individuals. CD is estimated to occur at 1 in 133 healthy people (not showing symptoms) in the United States. For people showing symptoms, this statistic is dramatically increased to 1 in 56. Presently, it is estimated that more than 80% of individuals in the United States with CD have not yet been diagnosed. Due to a large amount of symptoms, it takes, on average, about 7-11 years for a person to be diagnosed from their first onset of symptoms.

In conjunction with our 5K Run/Walk (TCCSG Beat the Wheat), our annual Raffle will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Hines Park in Westland, MI with more than 300 attendees expected. Monies generated will support the University of Chicago Medicine Celiac Disease Center, University of Michigan Celiac Disease Program and Tri-County Celiac Support Group programming.

You can make a difference by making a tax-deductible donation valued at **\$50** or more to our Raffle. Some items that were donated in the past were autographed memorabilia, gift certificates, food donations and gift baskets. All donations must be received by **May 31, 2019**. Donated items will become property of Tri-County Celiac Support Group, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization (www.tccsg.com). A tax-deductible receipt/letter will be mailed after the event.

Thank you for your support!

Maria Corsi and April Malone

 E-mail or mail (please contact for address) the completed form to Maria Corsi. If you are unable to mail Maria the donation, a committee member will be able to pick it up. If you have any questions pertaining to this event, please contact Maria Corsi at tccsgceliacwalk@gmail.com or (313) 820-8815.

Contact Name: _____ Company: _____

Address/City/Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

I will support CD research and awareness by donating the following item(s):

Description Retail Value

Item 1: _____

Item 2: _____

Item 3: _____