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Message from WUN Executive Director

Greetings,

With so many plans for September, we're bringing you a mid-month newsletter to share the latest Wake Up Narcolepsy (WUN) updates!

As you may already know, WUN's World Narcolepsy Day plans are already underway and you can get involved from anywhere across the globe.

For the entire month of September, community members are getting active while raising funds and awareness with Worldwide Step Up For Sleep! Over 70 participants have tracked nearly 4,000 minutes of physical activity. Thank you to everyone who has registered and if you haven't, there is still time.

Another part of our celebration just launched on Friday. We are proud to announce two WUN resources are available in 10 additional languages. Read more about the poster designs and PSA captions in this edition.

Our inaugural Shadows to Light Gala will take place at the end of this week in New York City. We are overwhelmed with the level of support for the event and look forward to welcoming partners to a pivotal night dedicated to Narcolepsy.

I'd also like to remind you that we are celebrating 15 years of WUN. The organization has grown tremendously since its inception in 2008, but has never strayed from its mission. Everyone involved along the way is united by our commitment to the cause.

Together, we are truly bringing Narcolepsy out of the shadows and into the light.

- Monica Gow



Marica Hew WUN Co-Founder & Executive Director



Translated WUN Resources

Celebrate World Narcolepsy Day 2024 with two Wake Up Narcolepsy (WUN) resources now available in 10 additional languages!

The "Do You Know Narcolepsy" poster from WUN and Hypersomnolence Support Network Japan outlines the symptoms of the often misunderstood disorder alongside illustrations. Designs are available in Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese (Simplified), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Sinhala, Spanish, Swahili and Tamil!

WUN's Public Service Announcement showcases the reality of Narcolepsy and allows voices from all over the community to be heard. Captions are now available on WUN's YouTube channel in the above languages!

The translations were a collaborative effort of many sources! By providing our resources in multiple languages, WUN hopes to increase accessibility for the global Narcolepsy community.



















Worldwide Step Up For Sleep

If you haven't already registered, there's still time to fundraise, track your physical activity throughout the month and have a chance to win prizes.

Check out our progress so far:

\$1,400 raised 77 participants registered **12** teams formed 3,937 active minutes tracked

Congratulations to our first two winners: Week One Challenge Winner: Megan Kelly

Week Two Challenge Winner: Kristin Gagnon

Week Three Challenge: The participant with the most active minutes this week will win a \$25 Amazon e-gift card.

Ultimate Challenge: The individual who raises the most money during the month of September will win a \$100 Amazon e-gift card and two WUN Worldwide Step Up for Sleep t-shirts!

Looking for ways to get active? Our Worldwide Step Up For Sleep Ambassador Belle Hutt will be posting 4 mini workouts under 5 minutes on her Instagram throughout the month that anyone can do! Check out her page for more information.

We've also provided custom "How I'm #SteppingUpForSleep" frames for sharing your photos on social media to encourage others to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who has been participating! Keep up the great work!

Thank you to our 2024 awareness sponsors:













Recent Community Events



Dallas-Fort Worth Family WUN Town Hall

Frisco, TX - September 7th

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible!

Upcoming Community Events

Alberta Night Walk WUN Town Hall

Olds, Alberta Canada - September 21st - 6:30pm MT

Sponsored by: Uppaladin

Boston Red Sox WUN Town Hall

Boston, MA - September 22nd - 1:35pm ET

Colorado Step Up For Sleep

Golden, CO - September 28th - 8:00am MT

Syracuse WUN Town Hall

Baldwinsville, NY - November 9th - 11:00am ET

Thank you to our sponsors:







Upcoming Brown Bag Webinar

Register now for our October 10th webinar "Road Map to **Understanding Service Dogs"** with Miranda Williams! This is a great opportunity to ask the experts, so make sure you bring your questions for the live Q&A session.



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Upcoming Events

September 1st-30th

Worldwide Step Up

September 20th

WUN Shadows to Light Gala

September 21st

Alberta WUN Town Hall

September 22nd

World Narcolepsy Day 2024 & Red Sox WUN Town Hall

September 28th

Colorado Step Up For Sleep

October 10th

October Brown Bag Webinar

ONGOING

Weekly support groups for people with Narcolepsy & Idiopathic Hypersomnia (IH)

Clinical Trials

XYLO Study: A clinical study looking at blood pressure in people with narcolepsy

We want to understand more about blood pressure when people with narcolepsy change from a high-sodium oxybate medication, like XYREM, to the study medication, XYWAV. XYWAV has the same active ingredients as XYREM, but with a much lower sodium content. To take part, you must be taking or will be taking a high-sodium oxybate.

Learn more here