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Parkinson Foundation of Northwest Ohio hosting major fundraiser for local Parkinson's Disease community

Toledo, OH.- The Parkinson Foundation of Northwest Ohio (<http://pfnwo.org/>) is hosting its first "Paint the Town", a major fundraiser benefitting those with Parkinson's disease, Thursday, May 14, 2020, 6 PM at the Toledo Country Club, 3949 River Road, Toledo.

Paint the Town attendees will enjoy an evening of fine cuisine by Chef Marcel of the Toledo Country Club and a fine art exhibition, curated by the Toledo Artists' Club, featuring original paintings by regional artists. All works will be available for purchase that evening. Funds raised from the fine art exhibition, individual ticket sales, and corporate supporters go toward our local Parkinson's disease community.

Northwest Ohio has a large and active Parkinson's disease (PD) community consisting of 24 counties. Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive movement disorder that affects the lives of approximately one million people across the United States. That number is climbing. Approximately 60,000 new cases of PD are diagnosed each year in the US. In Ohio alone, over 30,000 people are afflicted with PD.

Parkinson's disease knows no boundaries. It doesn't recognize educational or social - economic factors. The Parkinson Foundation of Northwest Ohio (PFWO) serves all demographics including all under served communities.

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Resources including support groups, a quarterly newsletter and an annual symposium help people learn about and manage Parkinson's disease. "Through "Paint the Town", we aim to raise awareness of the number of those affected by Parkinson's disease and raise funds to continue our mission of providing education, care, and comfort to those living with PD and their caregivers," said Stacey Dunbar, PFNWO treasurer.

Proceeds from the 2020 fundraiser go to our local PD community through support groups, programs, and services including exercise programs "Big and Loud", "Delay the Disease", boxing, dance, art and music therapy, all designed for those with PD and their caregivers.

Funds are also provided for therapy centers' equipment, educational training for therapist certification and support groups. Other important recipients are research projects conducted at the Research Department of the Gardener McMaster Center at UTMC.

To learn more about the Parkinson Foundation of NWO and the "Paint the Town" evening, to buy tickets, and for sponsorship information, visit pfnwo.org/paintthetown or call Connie at 800.438.5584, ext.1.

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About Parkinson Foundation of NWO

The Parkinson Foundation of NWO is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that funds Parkinson's research, education, advocacy, and free services for those living with Parkinson's disease. Our mission to to establish optimal quality of life for the Northwest Ohio Parkinson's community through awareness, education and care.