



Cara Hoffart, DO
2014 Walk to Cure Arthritis
Medical Honoree
Kansas City, MO

As a pediatric rheumatologist at Children's Mercy Hospital, Dr. Cara Hoffart witnesses the struggle of children living with arthritis every day. Dr. Hoffart has devoted her career to improving the lives of children with juvenile arthritis and that is why she is this year's Walk to Cure Arthritis Medical Honoree. "It is important to support arthritis research so we can improve the lives of everyone living with arthritis and find a cure," says Dr. Hoffart. "I am a huge supporter of this cause."

Dr. Hoffart – as an active member of the Arthritis Foundation's Leadership Council, which is akin to a Board of Directors – has facilitated support from Children's Mercy Hospital for the JA 101 program, which offers vital education about juvenile arthritis for children and parents in the Kansas City area. She was also a driving force behind the establishment of Camp Joint Adventures in Kansas City. "Having been involved with an Arthritis Foundation camp before, I know how important it is for children with arthritis to meet and befriend other children with the same disease," says Dr. Hoffart. "It's great that kids in the Kansas City area have a chance to attend Camp Joint Adventures."

We are thrilled to recognize Dr. Cara Hoffart as the 2014 Walk to Cure Arthritis Medical Honoree.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.