

# UC San Diego

## HEALTH SCIENCES

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Dear Community Partner:

The UC San Diego Mitochondrial Disease Research Fund is proud to announce the fifth annual Mito 5K Tropical Fun Run. We would like to share with you a few opportunities to help change the lives of thousands of San Diegans through this event!

Mitochondrial dysfunction has been linked to diseases such as cancer, autism, diabetes, Parkinson's, infertility and obesity. According to the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, every 30 minutes a child is born who will develop a mitochondrial disease by age 10 — and only half of them will live past their tenth birthday. We can change this, but we need your help. Here is a video which provides more information, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUUi21J1tEs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUUi21J1tEs).

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, at historic Liberty Station, hundreds of San Diegans will flood NTC Park for a 5K to help battle mitochondrial disease. Whether joining us for the 5K, visiting any of our vendors and game booths, or simply enjoying the live entertainment, this promises to be a fun, family friendly event! Your support ensures we can continue funding crucial research needed to combat mitochondrial disease.

At our past four events, we had more than 2500 participants and raised over \$200,000! Our goal for this year is \$100,000 and we would love to have you be a part of it. A few of the benefits associated with your donation include:

- Free publicity at our event
- Increased awareness for your business
- Introduce new community members to your business and your products
- Support the community that frequents your business

Gifts for this event can be made through the UC San Diego Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) organization (EIN: 95-2872494). We would greatly appreciate a donation of tickets, merchandise or a gift card. Donations will be used for either our raffle or silent auction. All items can be sent to 2556 Calvin Lane, El Cajon, Ca, 92020 or 9500 Gilman Drive #0853, La Jolla, Ca. 92093. By sponsoring this event, you can help put an end to mitochondrial disease for people in our community and around the world. We hope you join us! For more information on supporting the Mito 5K, please contact me at **619-920-6701** or at **[mitoresearchfund@gmail.com](mailto:mitoresearchfund@gmail.com)**. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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