



One Walk to end Type 1 Diabetes brings more than 5,000 people together

The walk to raise money for research is estimated to have raised \$500,000

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SAN ANTONIO - 9-year-old Juliana Zamora is one of the 20,000 San Antonians living with Type 1 Diabetes.

"Feeling shaky and very thirsty, hungry and tired," she said about her symptoms.

Type 1 Diabetes affects only five percent of diabetes patients and people are usually diagnosed as children.

"I had it since I was 3," Juliana said.

It's an autoimmune disease that stops the pancreas' from producing insulin, which we need to live.

"She was up to about 10 shots a day before we were finally able to get an insulin pump for her," said Juliana's dad Ray Zamora.

There's no cure or prevention for Type 1 Diabetes. That's the One Walk event at UTHSC is so important.

"She always feels like she's the only one," Ray Zamora said, "But coming out to these events, she sees she's not alone. She's not the only one dealing with it."

One Walk is expected to raise \$500,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or JDRF. It's the leading global organization focused on Type 1 Diabetes research.

"It feels great because we're getting that much closer to finding a cure," Juliana said with a smile.

Progress is happening, too. Former patient and San Antonio native Wendy Peacock is a walking example of cutting edge research that is happening right now.

"I received a an islet cell transplant in August at the Diabetes Research Institute in Miami so I'm no longer on insulin!" she said.

After 26 years of insulin shots, she's not a Type 1 Diabetic anymore. Research will show whether the surgery will keep her in remission forever.

She said the fact that she is in remission at all proves that there's hope for other patients.