

**SECOND WIND LUNG WALK**  
**SAMPLE**  
**Letter to family and friends**

Dear Family and Friends:

Hi! I have committed to participating in the **LUNG WALK** sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the Second Wind Lung Transplant Association. I am writing to ask for your help in my fund-raising efforts to support the Second Wind Assistance fund which is a charitable provider of limited financial assistance to lung transplant patients. It is designed to help pay for medical and other related expenses that are of an emergency or non-insured nature.

The **LUNG WALK** provides an opportunity to unite our community while raising funds to help improve the lives of some of the nearly 4,000 children and adults in need of a lung transplant

I have been personally affected by transplantation *<your story here>*

I will be walking on October 17, 2009, in Historic Forest Park in St. Louis with a group of family and friends. Collectively, we would like to raise more than \$25,000 to assist patients with the burden of the mounting costs that accompany transplantation. I would appreciate a donation of *<enter amount here>* from you, or whatever your budget allows. Your charitable contribution is 100 percent tax deductible. Please let me know if you will be making a donation, and send your check made payable to the Second Wind Lung Walk to me at *<your address>*

Your donation will be well spent as over 90 cents of every dollar raised by the Second Wind Lung Walk is used to provide assistance to transplant patients. When you make a donation to the **LUNG WALK**, you are helping to ensure that children and adults with lung diseases live more comfortably while they wait to receive the gift of life. A transplant will help them live longer and more productive lives. WE need your help!

Thank you all for supporting this important cause!

Regards,  
*<your name here>*