



MARCH TO THE FINISH LINE

FOR MELANIE

A GROUP OF PENNSYLVANIANS ARE MARCHING FROM PHILADELPHIA TO WASHINGTON FROM FEBRUARY 17 TO 24 IN HONOR OF MELANIE SHOUSE.

On January 30th, our friend Melanie Shouse lost her long battle with breast cancer after missing out on critical treatment because she, like thousands of others, could not find affordable health insurance.

President Obama, who knew Melanie as a volunteer on his campaign, said:

“She was fighting that whole time not just to get me elected, not even to get herself health insurance, but because she understood that there were others coming behind her who were going to find themselves in the same situation and she didn’t want somebody else going through that same thing.”

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February 17-24, We’re Marching from Philadelphia to Washington, DC, to Realize Melanie’s Last Wish

A lot of us are frustrated that, after mobilizing for over a year to reform health care and achieve other critically important changes, we are still waiting for the change we voted for. **But we’re not giving up either.** A group of Pennsylvanians, some with health care issues of their own, decided to march 135 miles from Philadelphia to Washington in honor of Melanie, carrying her message to the Members of Congress who need to hear it the most.

We’ll arrive on February 24th, just before President Obama’s Health Care Summit. As the summit begins we’ll be there to tell lawmakers **enough is enough!** Members of Congress have had plenty of time to discuss and debate health care over the past year. Now it’s their job to make it happen.

It’s time to get it done and get it done right. Congress must deliver the change we voted for!

We’d like to meet you along our route as we march to deliver Melanie’s message to Washington. You can join us for part of the march or for an event along the way. You can bring us your stories about the need for health care reform, which we will take to the members of Congress we meet. Or even better, you can join us for the final stretch as we march to the Capitol. You can also follow us on-line at www.melaniemarch.com where you can show your support by taking action or making a donation.



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[Join Melanie's March for events along the route in Maryland](#)

<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, Feb. 20 4:00 pm	Harford Co. Rally	Park Moving and Storage 1537 S. Philadelphia Blvd. (Route 40) Aberdeen, MD 21001
Sunday, Feb. 21 6 pm	Baltimore Co. Vigil	Eastern Family Resource Center 9100 Franklin Square Drive Balt., MD 21237 (next to Franklin Square Hosp)
Monday, Feb. 22 12:00 pm	Baltimore City Rally with Taylor Branch	Church of the Redeemer 5603 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21210 featuring Pulitzer Prize winning author Taylor Branch
Tuesday, Feb. 23 9:00 am	Howard County breakfast with the marchers	Frank's Diner 7395 Cedar Avenue, Jessup, MD 20794
Tuesday, Feb. 23 7:00 pm	College Park Rally College Park, MD 20742	Nyumburu Cultural Center next to Univ. of Md. Stamp Student Union on Campus Dr. at Union Lane (park in Union Lane garage). See map at http://www.umd.edu/CampusMaps/campus_maps.cfm
Wed., Feb. 24 8:30 am	March into DC	Staging area: College Park Metro Station 4931 Calvert Road, College Park, MD
Wed., Feb. 24 Noon	Rally then march the final stretch	Union Station Washington DC
Wed., Feb. 24 2:00 pm	Rally with House & Senate champions	Capitol Hill – Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 50 Washington, DC

Plus there will be smaller meetups along the way where you can share your own story with the marchers. All details at www.melaniesmarch.com. For more information about Maryland events, e-mail Matthew@ProgressiveMaryland.org or call 301-495-7004/410-685-7004 x19.

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