



5th Annual Walk for Restaveks Saturday, October 24, 2026

About Connect 2 Ministries

Connect 2 Ministries was established in 2009 and has focused its efforts in Haiti, by providing tangible resources through meaningful relationships. After working extensively in relief efforts after the 2010 earthquake, Connect 2 Ministries has continued working with churches, orphans, and the disabled population. The main aspect of Connect 2 Ministries' efforts is providing a safe and loving home for rescued restaveks.

Event Information

The Walk for Restaveks event will help raise awareness about restavek children in Haiti by engaging community members through a fun event for the whole family.

When: Saturday, **October 24th**, 2026

Where: Multiple locations around the U.S.

Rancho Simi Community Park

1765 Royal Ave
Simi Valley, CA 93065

West Melbourne Community Park

3000 Minton Rd
West Melbourne, FL 32904



More Info: connect2ministries.org/event/walk-for-restaveks/

Who are Restaveks?

The title “restavek” has been used to describe an abused child that lives with and serves a family that is not his/her biological family. The children are either sold by their own family to another that is financially able to provide, or they are orphans with no family to care for them. The children are extremely vulnerable, living as modern-day slaves. The original term and meaning of this title “restavek” was once used as a verb. Meaning “to stay with,” it originally described the action of living alongside another, but has now turned into a dreadful noun that does not even come close to properly describing the conditions in which these children live. The majority of restaveks in Haiti are physically, sexually, and emotionally abused. They are regularly starved, beaten, and taken advantage of sexually. Grievously, this reality is a common occurrence and has become a cultural norm to the people of Haiti.

It's been found that the country of Haiti is home to approximately 300,000 restaveks. This means approximately 1 in 15 Haitian children are currently enslaved. Due to the current political and economic climates in Haiti, Connect 2 Ministries expects this number to grow substantially.

Connect 2 Ministries' efforts have been to provide a safe and loving home for restaveks. Our rescued children are also provided with a formal and government recognized education. The Homes Connect 2 Ministries provides for these children are unique, because, unlike many other orphanages, there is no "age out" policy. Before a restavek leaves one of the Homes, they will be given the proper tools necessary for the most successful adulthood.

Ways to Participate

1. Be a Sponsor! Help us reach our goal of \$30,000. Reach the local community with your message and make a difference in the lives of restavek children in Haiti.
2. Form a team, raise awareness and walk together! Great family or employee engagement/team-building event.

Registration

To register as a sponsor or individual, scan the QR code on the prior page or go to our website at connect2ministries.org/event/walk-for-restaveks/.

Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

Title Sponsor **\$3,500**

- Listed as the "Title Sponsor" with name and logo on marketing materials, event banner, and on Connect 2 Ministries' website and social media channels.
- Four complimentary walk entries

Platinum Sponsor **\$2,000**

- Listed as the "Platinum Sponsor" with name and logo on marketing materials, event banner, and on Connect 2 Ministries' website and social media channels.
- Three complimentary walk entries

Gold Sponsor **\$1,000**

- Listed as the "Gold Sponsor" with name and logo on marketing materials, event banner, and on Connect 2 Ministries' website and social media channels.
- Two complimentary walk entries

Silver Sponsor **\$750**

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- Two complimentary walk entries

Bronze Sponsor **\$250**

- Listed as the "Bronze Sponsor" with name and logo on marketing materials, event banner, and on Connect 2 Ministries' website and social media channels.
- One complimentary walk entry

Thank You!

For questions regarding sponsorships, please contact Arielle Mitchell at amitchell@connect2ministries.org.

The marketing and printing deadline for all sponsors is October 10, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to support our mission to raise awareness about and reach more restavek children in Haiti. Together, we can share hope.