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Groups walk toward MS cure

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Seven years ago Elizabeth Bradley was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Despite her illness, she volunteers hundreds of hours with fundraisings and helping others deal with the disease.

On Saturday, the Arlington resident was in Manassas for the Walk MS along with 69 other members of her team, the E.B. Bunch.

Together, the group was one of the largest fundraisers at the event — raising more than \$2,600. While some members of the group were residents of Manassas, others came from throughout Northern Virginia.

Seven hundred walkers participated in the event, leaving and returning from Harris Pavilion.

In addition to the Manassas walk, six other similar fundraisers are taking place. One in Rockville and another in Waldorf also took place on Saturday. Bowie and Reston will conduct their walks today. D.C. will host one next Saturday.

The walks are expected to generate \$1 million for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter.

Although a resident of Arlington, Bradley said she likes coming to Manassas for her walk.

“It’s really very picturesque along the route with quaint old homes and businesses and flowering trees and flowers,” she said.

Kate Shifflett, director of development for the National Capital Area, said “It’s wonderful volunteers

like Bradley that are helping those with MS are also helping to find a cure for the disease. She often comes into the office to help with counseling, education, employment, information and referral and financial assistance to the many thousands of people with MS and their families who live in the area.”

Helping Bradley, 42, with the fundraising were her two brothers Mike Brown and Skipper Brown.

Another large contingent at the fundraiser were MS Ninjas, which had 50 walkers from the Manassas, Gainesville and Fairfax areas. The leader was Crystal Carter of Bristow, 32, who said this was her first walk.

“I’m doing it in honor of my mother, Carol Whitsell of Waldorf, who is living with MS,” she said. Her goal was to raise \$2,800 in contributions from her friends, neighbors and co-workers.

The walk kicked off with the singing of the national anthem by sisters Brooke and Chelsea Pinto of Manassas. DJ Mike Langland provided entertainment prior to the walk and the band Wicker Lee after the walk.

“It was a great day for the community to come together to meet each other and to learn more about MS from the staff,” Shifflett said.

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