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Honoring Women Who Lead the Walking Movement

Women have long labored through the steep evolution of the walking movement. Here at America Walks, we recognize that women are essential to walkability and the creation of safe, accessible, enjoyable, and equitable places to walk. We're taking a moment to highlight some of our own champions.

Whether from a **long-time advocate and founding member of America Walks** or a **newly minted board member**, there is much to learn from the perspectives of the women we work with. **Be inspired with this series of blog posts and check back regularly for more.**



Know of an Inspiring Woman on the Walking Path? Let Us Know!

America Walks Hits the Streets in DC

America Walks has had a busy month walking the walk in communities across the US. Deputy Director Heidi Simon co-facilitated a walking audit with disability rights activist Juliette Rizzo for the **Washington Area Vision Zero conference**. They led a discussion on barriers to safety and accessibility for all users and what advocates can do in their own community.



And lest you think that America Walks is only about things happening on two feet, Heidi also attended the **League of American Bicyclist's National Bike Summit** to engage in ways to build stronger partnerships between walking and biking advocates.

Walkers Connect Community

The Walk2Connect Cooperative is committed to building a more human and connected world through walking.

What does that look like? Check out the **Walk2Connect Stories Project** to read individual reflections on the power of walking and building community together.



Take Your Walking to the Next Level

"It's enjoyable. It's a form of eco-friendly transportation. It's exercise (and even an Olympic sport). It's inexpensive—awesome entertainment. And it's an unparalleled way to experience a place and to connect with your community." [Spring onto the walking path with these tips from Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.](#)

Get to Know America Walks' Newest Board Member

We're making major strides in the walking movement with powerful change agents supporting us behind the scenes. America Walks' newest board member [Karin Korb](#) joined us earlier this month.

Karin is deeply passionate about inclusion of persons with disability at every level of life. Korb is also a two-time Paralympian and has served on the coveted USOC/USP Athletes Advisory Council for the past eight years representing seven sports. [Read why Karin is invested in empowering communities](#) to create safe, accessible, and enjoyable walking conditions for all.



Mark Those Calendars

- **Happening Now:** Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety, Inc. (PEDS) is hiring a President/CEO. [Learn more about the position here.](#)
 - **April 5th:** The Build Health Challenge application deadline is approaching. BUILD is looking to support dynamic collaboratives driving sustainable improvements in community health. [Apply today.](#)
 - **April 10th:** [Register for our next webinar, *What's Next for Walkable Communities.*](#) We'll explore the intersections between walking and new mobility, and the programs, resources, and practices that are putting walking front and center of the future of communities.
 - **April 29th:** Learn more about equitable development and put it into practice with [our new training series](#) in partnership with the 11th St. Bridge Project.
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Content We Loved This Month

- [We should make it harder to drive in New Orleans during Mardi Gras / *Emilie Bahr*](#)
- [U.S. Local Vision Zero Plans Library / *UNC Highway Safety Research Center*](#)
- [Uber's fatal crash one year later: A street no safer for pedestrians / *Curbed*](#)
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