



## **New York City Kicks Off the 2015 *Walk from Obesity*<sup>SM</sup> Fall Season**

September 13, 2015 marked the start of the ASMBS Foundation's 2015 *Walk from Obesity* Fall Season in New York City. Hospitals and bariatric programs in New York joined forces once again to bring the *Walk from Obesity* back to the city and raise awareness of obesity in their community. The event was held at Riverside Park and was attended by over 300 participants. The event also raised over \$32,000 to support the ASMBS Foundation's mission to fund obesity research and educational programs.

Special guest speakers included Dr. Mehmet Oz and radio DJ Elvis Duran. Elvis spoke of his personal weight loss journey stating, "less than a year ago, I weighed 110lbs more than I do right now. I now live in a world where I can see colors better, I can smell things better, my life has totally changed." Elvis had weight loss surgery in December of 2014 and speaks openly about his procedure and encourages other to explore their weight-loss options. Dr. Oz added, "There is no question that some people struggle more with weight and for some people the best way to lose weight is through a procedure that has been pioneered by some people in this crowd right now. Weight loss surgery is not an easy path, it's a challenge, and it's not a cop-out."

*Walk from Obesity* events will be held in 19 more locations this fall. To learn how to get involved or make a donation please visit [www.WalkfromObesity.com](http://www.WalkfromObesity.com) today.

**California:**  
Mountain View

Indianapolis

**Maryland:**  
Baltimore

**New Jersey:**  
Cranford

**North Carolina:**  
Greenville

**Michigan:**  
Livonia

**Connecticut:**  
Bristol

**Ohio:**  
Akron  
Cleveland

**Pennsylvania:**  
Abington  
Athens

**Florida:**  
Celebration  
Weston

**Kentucky:**  
Florence

**Texas:**  
Edinburg  
Dallas

**Indiana:**  
Elkhart

**Oregon:**  
Portland

The ASMBS Foundation's *Walk from Obesity* is the only national walkathon that brings attention to the disease of obesity by raising awareness in communities all over the country. The *Walk from Obesity* also provides educational materials regarding obesity and the treatment options available.