## **WALK to CURE Arthritis**

## ONE Can Make A Difference

Saturday, May 4, 2019

**UT Health Science Center** 

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## Why We Walk! Meet the 2019 Local WARRIORS



Dr. Buttacavoli

Medical Honoree

Dr. Buttacavoli grew up in Miami Beach, Florida. After completing his degree in Economics at Rice University, he returned home to the University of Miami for Medical School. He was very fortunate to match for orthopaedic residency at UT Health San Antonio. During this time, he developed his specific interests within hip and knee reconstruction. After his residency, he completed his fellowship training in adult hip and knee reconstruction at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He joined UT health San Antonio because he knew this would be the best place for me to make a lasting impact on the future of patient care. Outside of his work in the clinic and hospital, he enjoys traveling with his wife, spending time with each of their families, and playing golf on the amateur circuit.



Sarah Merriman Adult Honoree

Sarah is a lovely, kind, funny, strong woman with resilience that so many strive for. Soon after her birth, she began to have small febrile seizures. She cried much more than normal and seemed to never fully calm down and be soothed. She grew and started school. She made friends and had a funny, easy going demeanor - even though she was never without pain. As the arthritis progressed, Sarah's joints began to deteriorate. Her fingers and toes were affected first and began to curl and atrophy. Sarah has a great life married by constant pain. Her life was never completely hers. Through all her transformations Sarah fell in love with Vince and will celebrate 10 years of marriage. Her Military husband carries her when she has flares and can't walk. Their marriage continues to grow. July of 2014, she gave birth to identical baby girls, Harper and Tarynn AND are expecting a baby boy in April!

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