I’m Wendy Woeckener and I am a hotdog fanatic, I am representing the northeast! I have loved hotdogs since I can remember, but it wasn’t until June of 2016 when my sister and I started Wendy's Annual Hotdog Crawl. Since the inception of the hotdog crawl, my love for hot dogs has become my identity. I am the hotdog queen, the weenie warrior, the frank lover, and some might even say I, alone, keep Nathan’s Hot Dogs in business.

Now you might be wondering what a “hotdog crawl” entails? Well, it is a gathering of my closest friends and family, crawling throughout New York City stopping at local hot dog places, wearing matching shirts, raising money and eating as many as 10-15 dogs per person. Our typical hotdog stops are Grays Papaya, Papaya King and Crif dog. The crawl was originally started as a 21st birthday party, but over the years it has grown into so much more. The first crawl was about 18 people and it has only become bigger and better each year.

Since then, we decided to make it into a charity event fundraiser that raises money for the Foodbank for New York City. Participants and their friends and families pledge an amount of money on each hot dog eaten and at the end of the crawl, we total up how many dogs were eaten and collect the donations. Feeding the underserved in NYC while eating delicious hot dogs with your closest friends and family. Does it get much better than that?

Through the hot dog crawl, we have been able to raise a lot of money for the Foodbank for New York City. The fourth year of Wendy’s Annual Hotdog Crawl had more than 70 participants and we raised $3000!

My love for hotdogs is more than just a passion, it is who I am. The hotdog crawl has become so much more than just a birthday party - it is a celebration of hotdogs and allows us to give back to the community.

There’s never a bad time to eat a hotdog, as it is the most versatile food. Hot dogs inspire innovation. We’ve had the breakfast dog that was wrapped in a bagel with cheese or everything bagel seasoning; we’ve had the macaroni and cheese dogs, the german style dogs that had peppers and onions, and the tex mex dog that was in a hard taco shell topped with guacamole,queso, onion, and elote corn. These were all delicious, as all dogs are, but, if you ask me, the perfect dog is simply melted cheese and ketchup.

I’ve attached some pictures for your pleasure, but if you have any questions you should join us over Labor Day Weekend for the 6th Annual Hot Dog Crawl.

Stay Hungry,
Wendy Woeckener,
Weenie Warrior and Co Founder of Wendy’s Annual Hot Dog Crawl