

This Year's Mayor's Walk For Volunteerism More Important Than Ever *This Is How To Keep Programs And Services Running Smoothly*

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WALK FOR A CAUSE WITH MAYOR CRAIG

Last year not enough of us got out to walk, not enough of us sponsored a walker. This year let's show Volunteer Cambridge that we care.

Want to make a difference? Want more money for your favourite charity? Want to walk UNITED? The United Way of Cambridge and North Dumfries' Volunteer Cambridge invites you, your family, friends and colleagues to walk for a cause at the 2009 Mayor's Walk for Volunteerism on Saturday, May 9th. Pledge forms can be picked up from the United Way office located at 150 Main Street in Cambridge, or at any Cambridge Scotiabank branch.



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May 9th starting at 9:30 a.m.

Leading the 3.5 Km walk through the heart of Galt is Cambridge Mayor Doug Craig. "The Mayor's Walk is designed to promote volunteerism and to celebrate the tremendous contributions of volunteers to this community," said Mayor Craig.

This event makes it so easy for local charities and not-for-profit organizations to raise money. They don't have to spend time organizing their own fundraising event; just collect pledges and walk in the Mayor's Walk for

Volunteerism. Starting and ending at the Dickson Arena, citizens of all-ages are encouraged to join in and fundraise for their favourite charity; 50% of each participant's pledges are donated to their charity of choice, including minor sports teams and schools, while the other 50% helps fund the services of Volunteer Cambridge, a service of the United Way of Cambridge and North Dumfries.

"Again this year we are encouraging participants to register on-line and collect pledges on-line if they wish," explains Trish Marinoni, Coordinator of Voluntary Sector Resources for United Way. Participants are also able to create a personalized webpage and collect pledges, and track their progress all online. Individuals wanting to make a pledge can go online, search for the person they are pledging for and make a donation through a Pay Pal account or by credit card. Downloadable pledge forms are also available on the site, as well as other information about the event and Volunteer Cambridge.

Participants can register as an individual or a team. Teams consist of up to six people and can register as an Adult, Youth or Family Team. "Scotiabank employees will generously be donating their time for the event again this year to register participants and reconcile

pledges," said Ms. Marinoni, coordinator of the walk.

Walkers are welcome to "dress UNITED" in matching clothing, carry signs to identify the organization they represent, and bring strollers and wagons to tow young children along the walk. Prizes will be awarded to those individuals and teams who have raised the most money. Refreshments and entertainment will also be on-site for the participants.

Platinum Sponsor for the event is Scotiabank and Gold Sponsor for the event is NAPA AUTO PARTS. Media sponsors include: Cambridge NOW, 91.5 The Beat, and 107.5 Dave FM., Cambridge Times, Waterloo Region Record,

For more information about the 2009 Mayor's Walk for Volunteerism, please call Trish at 519-621-1030 ext. 229

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