

# Great Strides Towards A Cure!

Well, it has been an exciting couple of years with the Great Strides Walk and our Edmonton & Northern Alberta Chapter by growing again with two new locations!

The first is the **Fort McMurray walk** that was chaired by Gillian Holloway along with a small committee and was supported by six teams who brought in just over \$20,000.00! The kids were able to put their name in for a special draw each time they did a lap around the track. After the walk the kids enjoyed cupcake decorating, bubble blowing, face painting & just having fun running around during a beautiful day! Thank you to Tony & Janette Kaminski from the Fort McMurray Kinsmen and Kinette clubs for coming out to help with registration!



Our other new location was **Lloydminster, Alberta** chaired by Jennifer Symon. The walk was on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the weather started out on a shaky note, but again we ended up with a gorgeous day...just in time for the walk to begin. The Lloydminster Kinette club came out to work the registration table & the Kinsmen flipped burgers on their new BBQ for everyone! Thank you for your continued support!! Jennifer had help from a couple of friends and her family with the planning, and they had lots of fun things planned for the kids after the walk. There was a kite-making station, nail decorating, face painting and so much more to do! The total to date brought in is at just over \$36,000.00!!

The **Grande Prairie** Kin Club hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Great Strides Walk and brought in an amazing \$15,400.00 with 4 Teams!! Thank you for continuing the walk in your community!

The **Leduc** Kinette Club also hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Great Strides Walk bringing in almost \$18,000.00 with some sponsorship money still to come. Caring Clowns Buzz & Dizzy came out to entertain the kids for the day, the Valley Zoo came out with some small animals and there was face painting, bubbles and more! M & M Meats sponsored our BBQ again, not only bringing food for everyone, but their own volunteers too!



The **St. Paul** walk also celebrated its 2<sup>nd</sup> year, raising just over \$30,000.00! Helen Chapdelaine

chaired the walk again, and did an incredible job with media and preparing for the walk day. The weather was great with a few things to do for the kids including a visit from Skelly the Skunk and there was a BBQ that followed the walk for all to enjoy with a small donation in return.

The Great Strides Walk **Edmonton** held on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! The weather was spectacular and the planning committee couldn't have been happier with a beautiful, sunny morning and over 550 enthusiastic CF supporters in attendance. Our emcee, Ryan Jespersen, host of Breakfast Television on Citytv, welcomed everyone. The crew from World Health Club warmed up our walk participants and Edmonton's own National Superstrider, Heather Hanna, cut the ribbon to start the walk. Following the beautiful 5 km walk through the trails of Whitemud Park, everyone returned to a wonderful barbecue lunch. Everyone enjoyed a picnic atmosphere along with a children's entertainer, airbrush Tattoo artist and slurpees courtesy of the MAC's Froster Machine. Congratulations to our Top Team Fundraisers: Team Teegin (\$23,989.00), The Saltsticks (\$22,260.84) and Carter's Crew (\$18,508.00), and our Top Individual Fundraisers: Teegin Mortenson (\$14,111.00), Sydni & Logan Grono (\$12,866.00) and Carter LaFramboise (\$11,023.00). The Edmonton walk total was \$172,733.00!! Awesome job!



Thank you to all of our Great Strides Walk Chair People and Committees for your continued support with our satellite walks. We wouldn't be in your communities if it wasn't for your hard work! Thank you to all of our sponsors, because our walks just wouldn't be the same without your support. Thank you to our Kin Clubs who continue our fight against cystic fibrosis right along our sides! A huge thank you goes out to all the team captains for organizing and motivating your teams to be so successful! To each and every individual participant and volunteer, we truly appreciate your support. We were so successful in the funds and awareness raised for Cystic Fibrosis that we should all hold our heads high!! Donations are continuing to come in and at this time I can proudly report that our Edmonton Chapter has raised \$293,211.00 for cystic fibrosis research! What a fantastic way to finish off the month of May, Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month!

*Thank you also to Waterway houseboats who provided a houseboat vacation as an incentive prize for our teams! This trip was a great motivator and helped us achieve a record-breaking year!*

