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# Partners

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2006

Individuals  
121 780

Corporate and foundations  
478 221

Interest on reserves  
and endowments  
71 146

**TOTAL REVENUE**  
671 147

### DISBURSEMENTS

REF scholarships,  
grants, and awards  
13 053

National Family Physician Survey  
23 750

Patient Education Program  
230 839

Family Physician of the Year  
47 500

Family Physician of the Year (JOL)  
76 440

Residents and Medical Students  
37 985

Medical Student Scholarships  
87 100

Janus Scholarships  
93 012

Scholarship in Women's Health  
56 250

D. M. Robb Research Grant  
5 000

Hollister King Fund  
3 500

Ian McWhinney Fund  
2 325

Jean-Pierre Despins Fund  
2 325

Donald I. Rice Fund  
10 325

British Columbia  
College of Family Physicians  
6 300

REF operating costs and  
reserve balance  
62 820

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS  
AND COSTS**  
758 524

## Walkers and runners survived the elements of "Winterpeg"

Sunny skies in Winnipeg, Manitoba, welcomed walkers and runners to the third annual Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow fundraiser held on Saturday, October 13th. Through the efforts of everyone who participated, the Research and Education Foundation (REF) raised the largest amount ever at a single event for the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) Medical Student Scholarship Program. A total of \$13,620 was raised compared to \$6,834 in 2006, a 50% increase.

To increase participation and pledges, organizers of the event introduced a few enhancements, such as a route for runners, a pledge contest, and an on-line registration system. The most successful idea was the introduction of a Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) contest between all the FMIGs

in Canada. Canadian medical schools have been encouraged to initiate FMIGs to inform students about the range of opportunities and rewards offered by careers in family medicine, as well as to offer them positive role models. Harnessing the energy of each FMIG helped to raise an impressive amount of funds while creating a fun competition among the medical students. The FMIG that raised the most in pledges received a trophy, a banner and \$250 for a FMIG initiative. Several FMIGs were close to winning; however, the University of Calgary captured the trophy. The University of Calgary has been warned by several rival FMIGs to be prepared for a tougher competition next year. Congratulations to the winning FMIG team and thank you to every medical student who participated.

Success of a fundraising walk is the result of support from sponsors and the hard work of volunteers. The REF is appreciative of the lead sponsor, Practice Solutions Inc, Ottawa, Ont for supporting this year's walk. Core Health Services Inc., Concord, Ont, Fairmont Winnipeg, Skymark Deli, Mississauga, Ont,



**Congratulations to the University of Calgary Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) for raising the most in pledges!**

**(left to right: Ms Sandra Hollingsworth, REF Development Manager, Dr Cathy Cervin, REF Board Member, Dr Jamie Boyd, REF Board Member and University of Calgary FMIG Team)**

Wyeth, Toronto, Ont, Kildonan Printing, Winnipeg, Man, North York Trophies, North York, Ont, The Printing House, Mississauga, Ont, and Ms Susan Patek, The Manitoba College of Family Physicians, were other contributors that made a positive impact on this year's walk. The REF is truly grateful to every sponsor and volunteer.

## Pounding the payment in other parts of Canada – Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow

Shoelaces were tied tightly in support of the Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow in Nova Scotia and Ontario. The Department of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University and the Ontario College of Family Physicians initiated their own Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow fundraisers in support of the CFPC/REF Medical Student Scholarship Program.

On Saturday, November 3rd, 2007, The Department of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University held a Strategic Planning Retreat with 60 participants. The retreat participants were ready to hit the walking trails at Whitepoint Resort when an unexpected visitor, "Noel," came howling along the coastline off the Atlantic ocean. Although the walk was not possible given the strong winds and heavy rain, the participants walked in spirit inside and generously raised \$500. The REF graciously thanks Dr Preston Smith and Ms Barbara Tait-Persaud, Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine, and Mr Stuart Whittaker, Dalhousie FMIG for initiating the walk.

The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) held its first fundraising walk at its Annual Scientific Assembly on Saturday, November 17th. Walkers at a lively pace marched up University Avenue toward the Ontario Legislature building wearing their Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow toques and shirts. Together walkers helped to increase awareness of the CFPC/REF Medical Student Scholarship Program. A special thank you to Ms Lourdes Alvares and Ms Marny Wagschal for their hard work in promoting and supporting the walk. The REF wishes to acknowledge Practice Solutions Inc. for sponsoring the OCFPC walk as well.

## FMF delegates bid feverishly at silent auction

At Family Medicine Forum (FMF) 2007 in Winnipeg, swarms of delegates kindly showed their support to the Foundation by feverishly bidding at the REF silent auction. For a second year in a row the REF exceeded its goal of raising \$10,000. In total the silent auction raised \$10,155.

In addition to the silent auction the REF sold raffle tickets and held a Spare Change Apple Appeal. From these two additional events a total of \$3,185.75 was raised. Taking into account all of the fundraising events that took place during FMF in Winnipeg (Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow, silent auction, raffle tickets, and the Spare Change Apple Appeal), the REF raised \$27,103 compared to \$24,130 in 2006. Thank you to every delegate who participated in FMF 2007 fundraising activities.



Strategic Planning Retreat participants generously raised \$500!

Thank you for donating to the CFPC/REF silent auction

A special heartfelt thank you to the following for helping the REF.

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