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A stampede of walkers and runners in Calgary

The largest number of walkers and runners ever in the history of the Research and Education Foundation's (REF) Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow came out to participate in the 5th anniversary of the fundraising event. On October 31, 2009, participants stamped their way through the streets of Calgary, Alta, raising \$26 900 for the College of Family Physicians of Canada's (CFPC) Medical Student Scholarships and far exceeding the goal of \$20 000.

The growth of the walk has been tremendous. Since its inception, a total of \$68 000 has been raised for the CFPC's Medical Student Scholarships.

The Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow results

YEAR OF THE WALK	AMOUNT RAISED
2005 (inaugural walk)	\$ 3 300
2006	\$ 6 800
2007	\$ 13 800
2008	\$ 17 000
2009	\$ 26 900

Throughout its 5 years, the walk has had many benefits. Not only has it raised a

considerable amount of money for the CFPC's Medical Student Scholarships, it also has played a large role in encouraging medical students to choose family medicine as a career. The CFPC and the REF are committed to encouraging more medical students to pursue a rewarding career in family medicine. The introduction of the CFPC's Medical Student Scholarships has helped students to recognize that family medicine is a respected specialty on a par with all other specialties in medicine.

We believe that the growth of the walk can be attributed to the fact that the REF actively involves family medicine student leaders from each medical school in the lead-up to the walk. For the last 3 years, the REF has held a "Who can raise the most in pledges" contest among the 17 Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) teams. The team that raises the most in pledges receives a congratulatory banner, a trophy, and \$250 for an FMIG initiative. This year's winner was the University of Calgary's FMIG team. Congratulations to them and thanks to every FMIG team that participated!

With the assistance of several corporate sponsors, the REF was able to raise the profile of this year's walk. We wish to acknowledge the generosity of General Mills (Canada) Inc. for being this year's lead sponsor. Through



2009 Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow participants

Thank you for your participation!

its Community Action Team, General Mills works to make a substantial contribution to Canada's communities. Thank you to the Fairmont Palliser of Calgary for providing and hosting a nutritious breakfast for our walkers and runners. We also offer a special thank you to Nature's Source, Envirotech, Skymark Deli, and Cara foods for helping the REF to create a fun-filled and memorable fundraising event!

The REF is truly appreciative of each person who pledged and participated in the walk. We look forward to giving out hundreds more CFPC Medical Student Scholarships. The efforts of those who support and participate in the walk make this possible. The 6th annual walk will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2010, in Vancouver, BC. See you there!

A special thank you to our silent auction supporters and donors

Over the past decade, through the generosity of our donors, the REF has been able to fund hundreds of awards, grants, and scholarships through the Honours and Awards Program. These awards have supported the research and continuing education initiatives of family physicians, clinicians, researchers, and teachers, as well as family medicine residents and medical students from all parts of the country. Money raised during the REF's silent auction, held in conjunction with Family Medicine Forum (FMF) each year, helps to fund these awards. This year's silent auction, which took place during the FMF in Calgary, October 29-31, raised a total of \$9075.

The REF thanks all those who made a bid at the silent auction. Each bid received is precious because it supports family medicine. We thank our corporate friends for donating attractive items for the silent auction. Through the generosity of these corporate friends, the REF was able to auction off autographed hockey jerseys; weekend get-aways at luxury resorts such as the Wickaninnish Inn in Tofino, BC, and the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth in Montreal,

Que; airline tickets on Orca Air; and a lady's cashmere sweater from Marlowe Toronto, Ont. The REF invites everyone to visit the silent auction tables at FMF in Vancouver, BC, October 14-16, 2010.

"Imagine If" every CFPC Member donated to the REF

The REF recently launched its "Imagine If" campaign to raise funds for REF programs. We sent an electronic letter to every CFPC Member and REF donor asking for financial support. The campaign will run for 1 year ending December 31, 2010, with the goal of raising \$50 000. "Imagine If" every CFPC Member were to contribute to the campaign. That would raise more than \$50 000 to support hundreds more research studies in family medicine and scholarships, awards, and grants in the area of family medicine. You can make a donation by visiting www.cfpc.ca. A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

Congratulations to the 2009 CFPC Honours and Awards Recipients

Proceeds raised through REF activities support the CFPC Honours and Awards Program. Each year the College receives hundreds of applications for research grants and scholarships. These applications are reviewed by the CFPC Honours and Awards Committee. Any CFPC Member in good standing is welcome to apply for a research grant or scholarship. The number of research grants and scholarships distributed depends upon the amount of funds available. The REF thanks all its donors for their continuing support. With this support, the College will continue to be able to award these research grants and scholarships.

In 2009, a total of 135 awards were presented to family doctors, teachers, researchers, residents, and medical students. To view a list of this past year's recipients, visit www.cfpc.ca/awards.

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