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HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow raises \$17 000
- ▶ Dalhousie University raises the most in pledges for walk
- ▶ Thank you to Merck Frosst, Health Canada, and Tilley Endurables for sponsoring the Family Physician of the Year Program
- ▶ 2007 REF financial summary

Largest amount ever raised at REF Annual Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow!

With a tremendous amount of spirit and energy, 120 participants helped raise \$17 000 at the Research and Education Foundation's (REF) annual Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow. It was the largest amount ever raised. Proceeds from the annual walk support the College of Family Physicians of Canada's Medical Student Scholarship Program.

Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow first took place in 2005 with 35 participants raising a total of \$3240. In 2006, \$6835 was raised with 85 participants, and in 2007 \$14 590 was collected with the help of 110 walkers. With its increasing popularity, organizers of the walk are noticing a substantial rise in pledges and participation, indicating that the Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow is growing and catching on with medical students and College members across Canada.

The walk is held in various cities at the time of the College's Family Medicine Forum. This year it took place on a bright sunny Saturday morning in November in Toronto, Ont. The route led participants along University Avenue and past Ontario's historic legislative



Ms Jennifer Procyshen, University of Calgary Medical Student, volunteer walk marshal

building (erected 1886-1892) at Queen's Park. Participants from across Canada and the United States included medical students, family doctors, and families and friends of College members who were attending the Forum. Although the morning was a bit chilly, participants were fortified against the cold with Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow toques and T-shirts and a hot breakfast. All the toques and T-shirts were donated, allowing the REF to keep expenses to a minimum. The REF wishes to thank all participants and to encourage everyone to get ready for this year's walk set for Saturday, October 31, in Calgary, Alta. It will be the 5th anniversary, a huge milestone for the Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow! See you there.

Dalhousie University "walks" over the competition

For the second year, organizers of the Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow held a contest for Family Medicine Interest Groups (FMIG). In 2008, the winning FMIG was from Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS. Congratulations for raising the most in pledges! As the winning FMIG, the Dalhousie group received a trophy, a banner, \$250, and bragging rights.

Each FMIG across Canada is encouraged to enter a team for the walk and solicit pledges in support of Medical Student Scholarships. This year the FMIGs who participated came from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver; the University of Calgary in Alberta; Dalhousie University; the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg; McGill University in Montreal, Que; McMaster University in Hamilton, Ont; the Université de Montréal in Quebec; the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon; Sherbrooke University in Quebec, and the University of Toronto in Ontario. Last year the University of Calgary's team captured the victory, but lost this year to Dalhousie University's high-spirited group who showed no mercy to its

competitors. Visitors to Dalhousie University will see the proudly displayed winning trophy and banner acknowledging the success of the Dalhousie FMIG in raising the most pledges for the Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow. Thank you to the Dalhousie FMIG and to all the FMIG teams who helped raise the most funds ever for the walk. It is with your support and dedication that the College of Family Physicians of Canada will be able to award 17 Medical Student Scholarships worth \$10 000 each. Thank you to Scotiabank for being the main supporter of the Medical Student Scholarship Program.

College of Family Physicians of Canada honours 10 of Canada's best

Ten of the country's most outstanding family physicians were declared Canada's Family Physicians of the Year for 2008. The College honoured these excellent physicians in November 2008 at Family Medicine Forum in Toronto during the Family Physician of the Year dinner. The 10 award recipients were honoured for providing exceptional care to their patients, making meaningful contributions to the health and well-being of their communities, and dedicating themselves to research and the education of future generations of family doctors. The awards are named in honour of Dr Reg L. Perkin, Executive Director of the College from 1985 to 1996. The program is supported in part through funding from Merck Frosst Canada Ltd, Health Canada, Tilley Endurables, and the College's Research and Education Foundation. A special thank you to these corporations for supporting one of the College's most prestigious awards.



Presentation of cheque to Dalhousie University Family Medicine Interest Group

Profiles of the 2008 Family Physicians of the Year are available at fpoy.cfpc.ca.

Family Medicine Forum fundraising events bring in \$27 300

The Research and Education Foundation (REF) continues to uncover opportunities to raise additional funds. Family Medicine Forum has proved to be an important venue for holding fun-filled fundraising events. A total of \$27 300 was raised at the 2008 Forum in Toronto during several different events. Among these events was a silent auction that offered many unique items. Proceeds from these events help the REF raise funds to support the education, training, lifelong learning, and research activities of family doctors today and tomorrow. Thank you to all the merchants listed for donating items to the REF's silent auction. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

2007 REF summary of revenue and disbursements

The Research and Education Foundation's donations and interest revenues to the end of 2007 totaled \$342 872 and consisted of \$146 542 from individual donors, \$133 823 from corporate and foundation donors, and \$72 720 from interest on endowments and reserves. In 2007, members contributed a total of \$6219 to the Endowment funds: the Hollister King Fund, the Ian McWhinney Fund, the Jean-Pierre Despins Fund, and the Donald I. Rice Fund. Since the

Research and Education Foundation started in 1996, it has raised \$6403589.70, of which \$1 271 012.27 came from College members and \$5 132 577.43 from corporations and foundations. For more information and to see the audited 2007 REF financial statements, you can visit www.cfpc.ca/ref.

Thank you for your kind support

The Research and Education Foundation would like to express a sincere appreciation to the following merchants for donating items to the silent auction held during Family Medicine Forum 2008. Their donations signify their dedication to and respect for high-quality family medicine for Canadians.

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