



May 15, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

## **Come to our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual PICNIC and 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “26 REASONS TO WALK”**

We are delighted to confirm our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Vasculitis Foundation Canada (VFC), picnic and fun social event, as well as our 6<sup>th</sup> annual “26 REASONS TO WALK” on **Saturday, June 20, 2015** from **10:30 AM to 4 PM** and we want you and your family to attend, and participate in any way you can. Join the fun, and **WALK to raise funds for vasculitis research. Enjoy BBQ fare, a 50:50 draw, silent auction and entertainment.** Even if you can't attend in person, there are ways you can participate, see below. Our “26 Reasons to Walk” slogan represents the 26 different, but related, types of vasculitis.

This year, we'll feature some great family fun with interactive animals from Zoo-To-You! See <http://www.zootoyou.ca> for more info! **Donated prizes for the silent auction etc. are always needed and welcome, please let us know if you can contribute something.** As in the past, the Dolph picnic area at Riverside Park, 147 King Street East, Cambridge, Ontario will be our walk and picnic location. Also this year we have renamed our walk in honour of our two co-founders. **The VFC Founders Walk to Fund Vasculitis Research – 26 Reasons to Walk, in Memory of Gary Timmons and Peter Gery**

As you know Walk sponsors contribute to you, and they get a tax deduction receipt for their donation. **Even if you are not able to attend the event in person, or walk, we will have volunteer walkers walk for you! You can help make a difference from anywhere, just let us know you need a walker!** Sign up for the walk & picnic at: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1131886> and start getting your sponsors! We are sure your friends and family will support your, and our, goal to heighten awareness while helping to raise research funds. You can also register for the walk or picnic, by calling Carol Moller at 519 452-7011. See below for complete Picnic & Walk info, map/directions, our VFC 2015 Donation Pledge Sheets are attached.

**And, don't forget Dr. Siminovitch and/or Robyn, her research assistant, will attend the picnic for more vasculitis genetics study collections, don't miss this additional opportunity to advance this exciting research – all vasculitis patients can participate!** Please indicate with your online registration if you wish to participate in these special picnic lab draws so we know **how many labs to expect and how many supplies to prepare!** If you have research questions, contact me at [jonstewart@rogers.com](mailto:jonstewart@rogers.com)

On behalf of the Board, we hope to see you, your family, and friends at scenic Riverside Park on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 - rain or shine!

Yours very truly,

*Jon Stewart and Carol Moller* President & Treasurer/Membership

PS: VFC is looking for a special volunteer(s) to manage our membership and book keeping responsibilities, please contact us if you are interested in this very important volunteer position(s).

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## **“26 Reasons to Walk” - Saturday, June 20, 2015**

This event is sponsored by the Vasculitis Foundation Canada. **Our goal is to increase vasculitis awareness while helping to raise much needed research funds.**

**COLLECT DONATIONS:** Registered walkers can walk individually or form a team. If you register to walk, and then are unable to attend, we will have someone walk for you, refunds will not be given. **If you are not able to walk, no problem, we will have volunteer walkers walk for you!** Just let us know in advance if you need a volunteer walker. You can walk as far as you like because what you collect is a donation - not a sponsorship by the kilometre.

And, let's not forget that many vasculitis patients will be together with friends and family, so let's show our support by walking with them, or for them, at this worthwhile event. **Fundraising for vasculitis research is not exactly common, so we need to work twice as hard to raise funds.** Bring your friends and family to walk as well! Join us for prizes, face painting, refreshments plus so much more - and feel good about joining in the challenge to raise both awareness and research funds.

Remember, all walk donations are tax deductible! **And, let us know if you can contribute something to our silent auction or gift bags, donations are always needed and welcome.**

**T-SHIRT:** Every registered walker will receive a t-shirt at the walk along with food (hamburger, hotdog, salads, chips and drinks). You will also be able to purchase extra “26 Reasons to Walk!” t-shirts (while supplies last), and other Vasculitis Foundation Canada products.

**We hope to see all of you on June 20th, 2015!**

**VFC reserves the right to make program changes as may be necessary.**

### **Event Location**

Dolph Picnic Area, Riverside Park 147 King Street East, Cambridge, ON Canada

### **Event Schedule:**

Registration for the walk	6/20/2015 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Walk	6/20/2015 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Group Photo	6/20/2015 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM
Food, Fun and Silent Auction	6/20/2015 12:45 PM - 4:00 PM

### **Fees**

**Participant: CAN\$25.00**

Walk Registration includes a t-shirt, picnic food and drinks.

**Teen Participant: CAN\$15.00**

Walk registration for Teens 13-18 receive a CAN\$5 student discount. Includes t-shirt, food and drinks.

**Volunteer Only: No Fees**

Walk Registration

**Children: No Fees**

Registration for Children under 12 are free. T-shirt not included.

**Picnic Only: CAN\$15.00**

This is for those who wish to attend the picnic and not participate in the walk.

**Picnic Only Family: CAN\$30.00**

This is for a family up to 5 to attend the picnic and not participate in the walk.

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## DIRECTIONS TO RIVERSIDE PARK, DOLPH SECTION

147 King Street West, Cambridge, ON

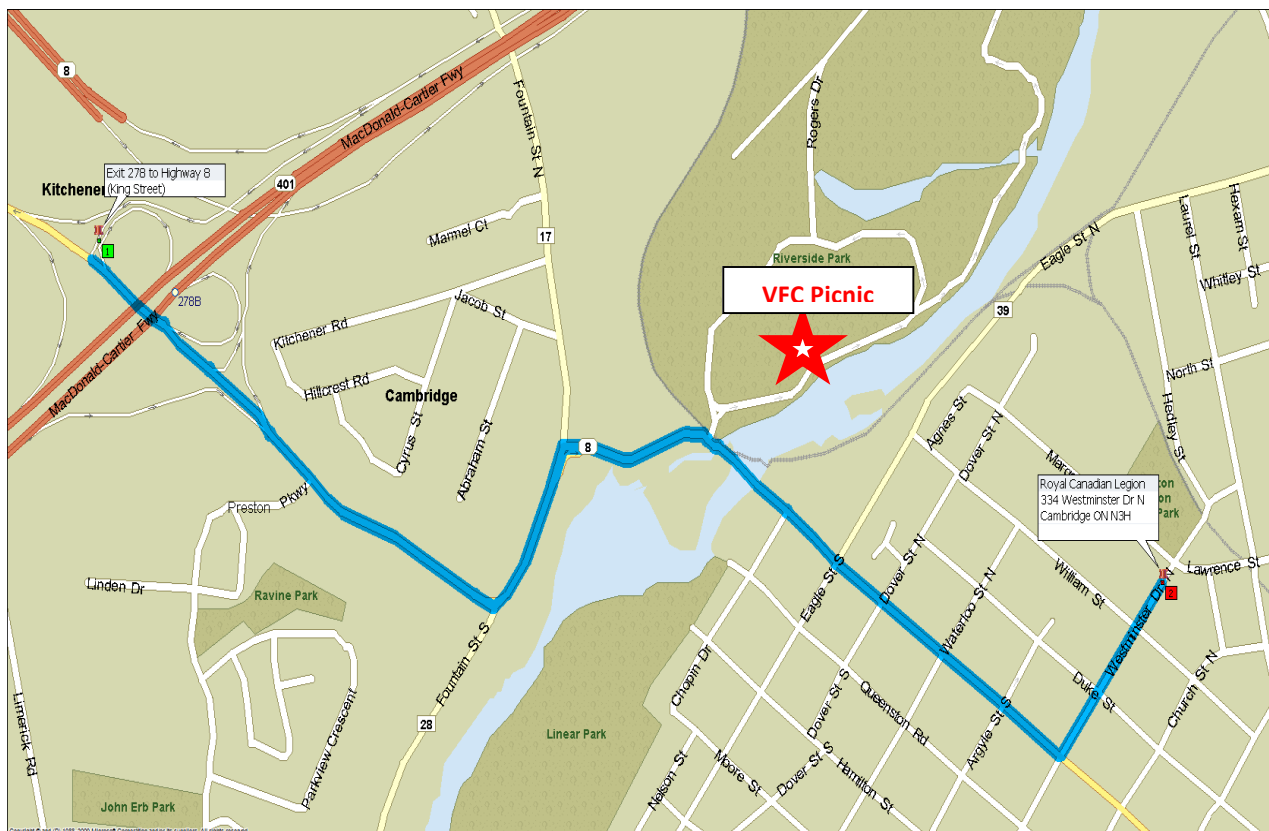
From Highway 401, exit at #278 (Highway 8) EAST

head down Shantz Road (SOUTH) to the bottom of hill

turn LEFT at the bottom of the hill, turn RIGHT at King Street (set of traffic lights)

turn LEFT just before the river (across from Dover Flour), proceed under archway reading “Riverside Park”, keep to the right and continue until you see the **Dolph Section and Vasculitis Foundation Canada Banner**”

Register Online BY JUNE 15, 2015 or reply to [camoller@bell.net](mailto:camoller@bell.net) or 1 519 452-7011.



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