



May 15, 2016

Dear Members and Friends,

Come to our 18th Annual PICNIC and 7th Annual “26 REASONS TO WALK”

We are delighted to confirm our 18th annual Vasculitis Foundation Canada (VFC), picnic and fun social event, as well as our 7th annual “26 REASONS TO WALK” on **Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 10:30 AM to 4 PM**. We want you and your family to attend and we encourage you to participate in any way you can. Join the fun, and **WALK to raise awareness and funds for vasculitis research. Enjoy tasty BBQ fare with gourmet burgers, (veggie burgers too!), hotdogs/sausages, salads, chips and drinks. Try your luck in a 50:50 draw, silent auction, including a chance to win the ever popular front row Blue Jay tickets, and enjoy some fun entertainment. Donated prizes for the silent auction etc. are always needed and welcome, please let us know if you can contribute something.**

Once again we'll feature some great family fun with a new mix of interactive animals, from **Zoo-To-You!** See <http://www.zootoyou.ca> for more info! As in the past, the Dolph picnic area at Riverside Park, 147 King Street East, Cambridge, Ontario will be our walk and picnic location.

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 are unable to walk, **we'll have volunteer walkers to walk for you!** You can help make a difference from anywhere, just let us know you need a walker! **Register by June 20th and sign yourself up, plus guest(s) who accompany you, for the picnic, and/or walk, at: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1160004>** 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 Jon Stewart at 416 691-6500. See below for complete Picnic & Walk info and map/directions. **Our VFC Donation Pledge Sheets are available as a separate PDF, [click here to get a copy](#)**, so you can start signing up sponsors & donations now.

Finally, Dr. Siminovitch and/or Robyn, her research assistant, may attend the picnic for more vasculitis genetics study collections, we shall keep you posted by email once we have more information. **However, when registering please do indicate in the tick box if you are interested in being a blood draw participant**, this way we know how many supplies to prepare in advance.

On behalf of the Board, we hope to see you, your family, and friends at scenic Riverside Park on June 25th 2016 – rain (we have a large covered shelter), or shine!

Yours very truly,

Jon Stewart President

PS: VFC is looking for a special volunteer, prior to our 2017 AGM, to be Secretary for the retiring Garth James, please contact us if you, or someone you know, would be interested in this very important position.

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“26 Reasons to Walk” - Saturday, June 25, 2016

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 25th, 2016!

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	6/25/2016 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
Walk	6/25/2016 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Group Photo	6/25/2016 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM
Food, Fun and Silent Auction	6/25/2016 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 \$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**”

Please register by June 20th, and sign yourself up, plus guest(s) who accompany you, for the picnic, and/or walk, at: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1160004>

You may also register with Jon directly at: jonstewart@rogers.com or 416 691-6500.



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