



May 10, 2019

Dear Members and Friends,

Come to our 21st Anniversary PICNIC and “26 REASONS TO WALK”

We are delighted to confirm our 21st. annual Vasculitis Foundation Canada (VFC), picnic and fun social event, as well as our annual “26 REASONS TO WALK” fundraiser will be on **Saturday, June 22, 2019** from **11:00 AM to 4 PM**. **As in the past, the Dolph picnic area at Riverside Park, 49 King Street West, Cambridge, Ontario will be our walk and picnic location.** We want you, and your family, to attend and we encourage you to participate in any way you can. Join the picnic fun and the optional **WALK to raise vasculitis awareness and funds for 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, prize draws, 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.**

This year we'll feature some great family fun with an all ages entertainment program with a selection of exotic animals from ZooToYou, see the following link for more info:

<http://www.zootoyou.ca/>

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, or are unable to walk, just let us know you need a volunteer to walk for you. Together we can make a difference! Your family and friends are welcome to join us, for the picnic, and/or walk. Please register everyone by June 20th on our new TeamRaiser website located at this link:** http://vfcan.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1100&pg=entry

We are sure your friends and family will support 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 including map and directions. Donations can be made online, or by using **one of the attached VFC Donation Pledge Sheets**, you can start signing up sponsors and donations now!

Finally, we encourage you to get out your walking shoes and plan on joining us!

On behalf of the Board, we hope to see you, your family, and friends at scenic Riverside Park on June 22nd 2019, rain or shine. We have a large covered shelter, complete with picnic tables, just in case of rain!

Yours truly,

Jon Stewart

President
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“26 Reasons to Walk” - Saturday, June 22, 2019

This event is sponsored by 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, entertainment, 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 like gift bags and cards, or gift baskets etc, 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 Saturday, June 22nd 2019 in Riverside Park, Cambridge, Ontario! VFC reserves the right to make program changes as may be necessary.

Event Location

Dolph Picnic Area, Riverside Park 49 King Street West, Cambridge, ON Canada

Event Schedule:

On-site registration for the walk	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
Walk and silent auction bids	11:45 AM - 12:30 PM
Group Photo	12:30 PM - 12:45 PM
Food, Fun and Silent Auction	12:45 PM - 4:00 PM
Family Entertainment with Zoo-to-Go	+/-2:15 PM

Fees

Participant: \$25.00

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

Teen Participant: \$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: \$15.00

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

Picnic Only Family: \$30.00

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

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Saturday, June 22, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM to 4 PM
DIRECTIONS TO RIVERSIDE PARK, DOLPH SECTION
49 King Street West, Cambridge, ON

From Toronto take Highway 401 West, exit at #278 (Highway 8)

From London take Highway 401 East, exit at #278B (Highway 8)

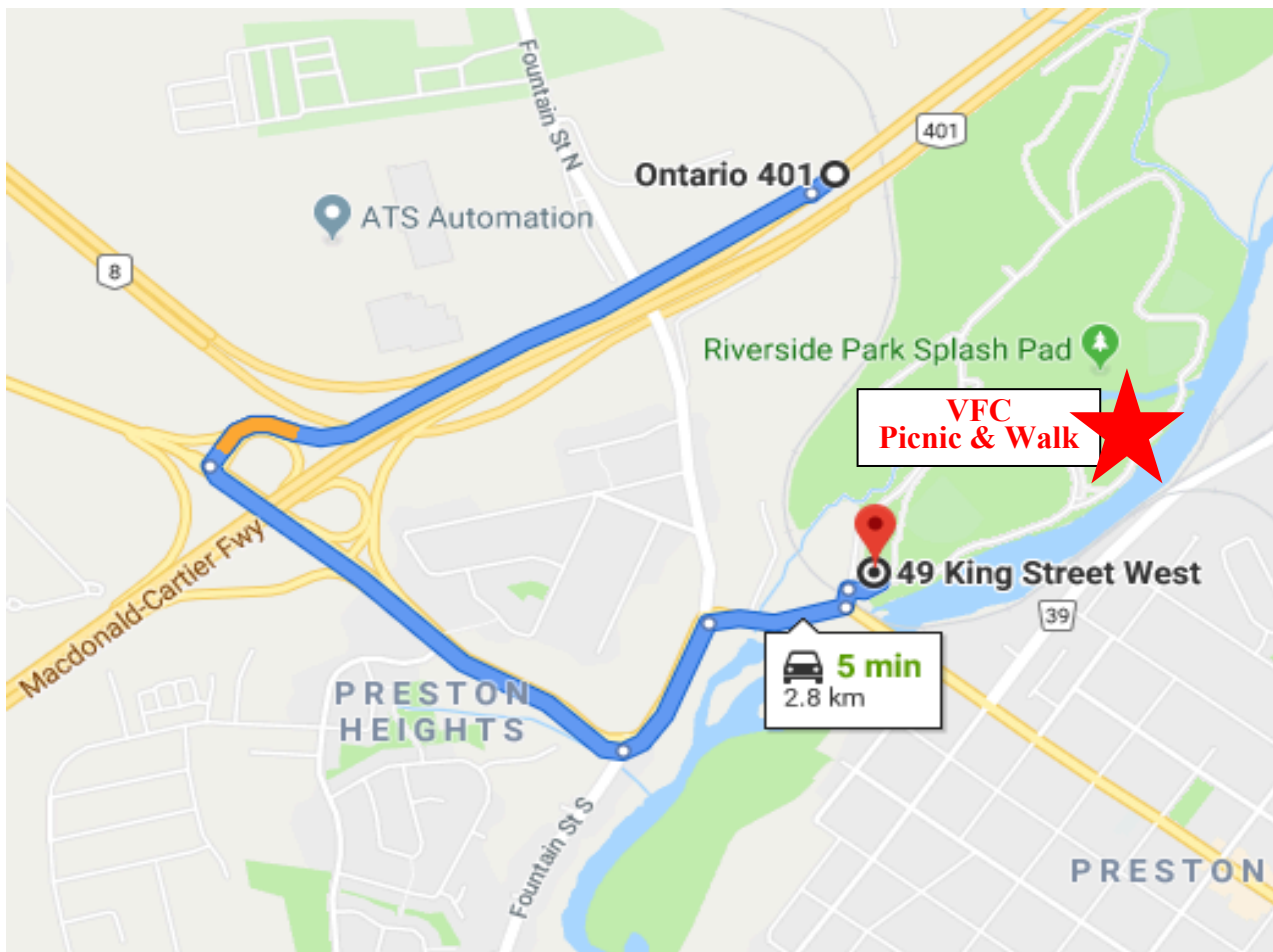
head down Shantz Road (SOUTH) to the bottom of hill

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

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

Please register by June 20nd and sign-up yourself, plus guest(s) who accompany you, for the picnic, and/or walk, at: http://vfcan.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1100&pg=entry

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



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