



## Come to the VFC 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PICNIC and “26 REASONS” TO Walk/Run/Ride Fundraiser, Or Make Your Own Campaign!

Dear Members and Friends,

June 1, 2024

The annual VFC 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic, fun social event, and “26 Reasons to Walk/Run/Ride” fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, June 23, 2024 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 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/Run/Ride to raise vasculitis awareness and funds for research. Enjoy your choice of tasty wraps, salads, chips, and drinks.** Try your luck in a 50:50 draw, silent auction, door prizes, and fun entertainment. **Donated prizes for the silent auction are always needed and welcome. Please let us know if you can contribute.**

This year features great family fun with an “all-ages” **magic program called "Shenanigans"** with noted magician Ron Guttman, see the link for more info: <https://www.thepartymagician.com/>

**Here are 2 ways to get involved: Join Us in-person or Make Your Own Campaign!**

- 1. In-person! Your family and friends are welcome to join us Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.** for the picnic, and/or the “26 Reasons” to walk/run/ride. Please **register everyone by June 20<sup>th</sup>** on the registration website by clicking [here](#).  
**And, we'd love you to raise donations** using the “26 Reasons” to walk/run/ride VFC donation page [here](#). **Even better**, setup your own campaign website (**it's easy to do!**), by clicking [here](#) and following the prompts **under create a team!** Your donors support you and they get a VFC tax donation receipt!  
**If online donations are not your thing** you can collect donations **using our downloadable donation sheet.** You can start signing up sponsors and collecting donations anytime!
- 2. Make Your Own Campaign! Unable to join us in Cambridge on June 23<sup>rd</sup>?** You can still make your own “26 Reasons” fundraising campaign wherever you are, and your family and friends are welcome to join you in your campaign!  
**To help you raise donations** setup your own “26 Reasons” to walk/run/ride campaign website (**it's easy to do!**), by clicking [here](#) and following the prompts **under create a team!** Your donors support you and they get a VFC tax donation receipt!  
**You can setup your own campaign anytime, but all campaigns end December 31, 2024!** Be creative, you have lots of time to plan your very own campaign!  
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**If you are not able to attend, or are unable to participate, in the walk/run/ride, let us know if you need a volunteer in your place. Together we can make a difference!**

We are sure your family and friends will support our goal to increase vasculitis awareness and to raise funds for research and education.

**If you can't register online**, you can register for the walk/run/ride or the picnic only, by emailing us [contact@vasculitis.ca](mailto:contact@vasculitis.ca)

See below for complete Picnic & Walk/Run/Ride info including map and directions.

**Get out your walking, running, or riding shoes and join us any way you can!**

On behalf of the Board, we hope you join us. **For those who can attend in person**, we hope to see you, your family, and friends at Riverside Park on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024, rain or shine. We have a large covered shelter, complete with picnic tables, just in case of rain!

Yours truly,

*Jon Stewart*

President  
Vasculitis Foundation Canada

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## **“26 Reasons to Walk” - Sunday, June 23, 2024**

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. Let us know in advance if you need a volunteer walker. You can walk as far or as short a distance as you like, because what you collect is a donation - not a sponsorship by the kilometre.

**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 vasculitis 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, gift cards, gift baskets etc, Donations are always needed and welcome.**

**T-SHIRT:** Every registered walker will receive a t-shirt at the walk along with your choice of pita wrap, 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 Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 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 Shenanigan Magic Show	+/-2:00 PM

### **Fees**

**Participant: \$27.50**

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

**Teen Participant: \$16.50**

Walk registration for Teens 13-18 includes t-shirt, food and drinks.

**Volunteer Only: No Fees**

Walk Registration

**Children: \$5.00**

Registration for Children includes 1 wrap, t-shirt not included.

**Picnic Only: \$15.50**

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

**Picnic Only Family: \$40.00**

This is for a family of up to 5 to attend the picnic only, with choice of wraps. T-shirts extra.

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**Sunday, June 23, 2024 ~ 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)

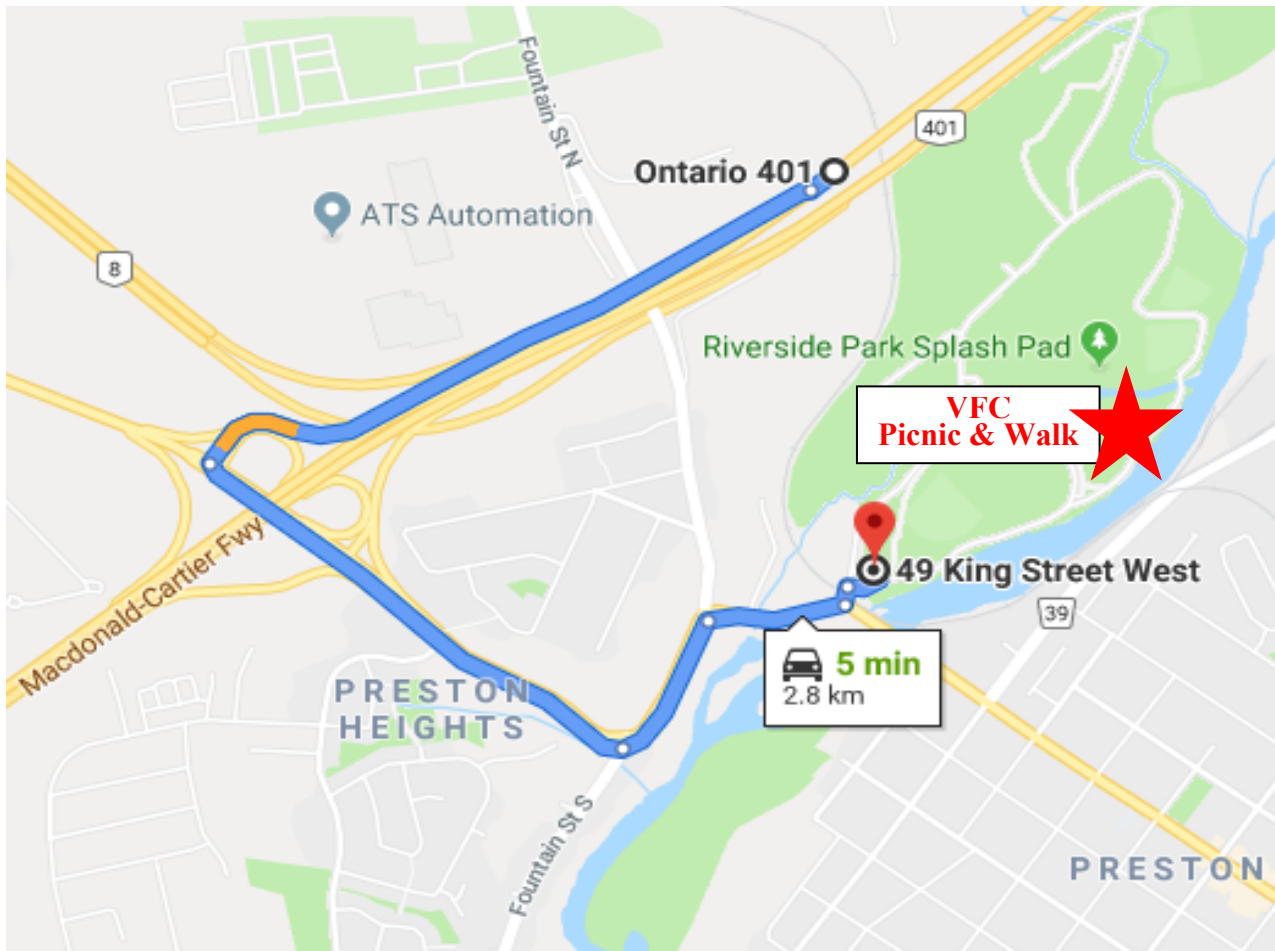
**head down Shantz Road (SOUTH) to the bottom of hill**

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 20<sup>th</sup>, including guest(s) by [clicking here](#).**

If you need assistance to register email us at [contact@vasculitis.ca](mailto:contact@vasculitis.ca) and request a call back.



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