

Lake swim for Special Olympics rescheduled for August 25



By Nancy Black

This past long weekend (August 5th-7th), the 50 for 150 Team was cheered on by the local Special Olympic Community as it left from the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex on Friday, August 4.

The group was met and cheered on once again by the Special Olympics community in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

We made our first attempt at crossing Lake Ontario. Based on looming weather (high winds and swells) there was only a small window where we were able to attempt a crossing.

We decided to begin the crossing around 12:30 a.m. Sunday morning, but shortly after we set out, we ran into 2m swells and high wind.

Conditions were too unsafe for our swimmers and crew and we made the decision to return to shore.

Adversity is part of achieving any ambitious goal and this experience brought our team much closer together, and more focused on our goal.

On behalf of all the 50FOR150 swimmers, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity towards our fundraising endeavour.

Because of your financial commitment to this important event, over \$53k has been raised to date.

Over 500 donors answered our call to action and we cannot thank you enough.

We are also grateful to the many Special Olympics athletes and their families - in Aurora and the Region of Niagara - who came out that weekend to wish us well and cheer us on, fueling our commitment to this cause.

We really tried to be 'brave in the attempt' and we will try again.

Remember to stay connected and watch the website for live tracking during the course of the new swim attempt scheduled for the weekend of August 25-27. www.50for150.com

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