

Walk for Wellness raises over \$30,000

On behalf of CHATS ? Community & Home Assistance to Seniors ? I would like to thank all those from Aurora and across York Region that supported our annual Walk for Wellness 2014.

I would start by thanking The Auroran for their local coverage, and special thanks to Newmarket Hydro, our presenting sponsor, and Bazil Developments and Astellas Pharma our silver sponsors. And, in the bigger York Region, South Simcoe picture, appreciation to the Upper Canada Mall, York Region Police, York Region Media Group, and Newmarket Tim Horton's for their ?in kind? sponsorships.

This year, we initiated a process to invite other charities to participate.

Each of the following local charities entered a team and their team proceeds were split 50/50 between CHATS and the charity ? Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, the Aurora Historical Society, Yellow Brick House and the Women's Centre of York Region.

Special kudos to the participants of two teams entered by the Aurora Seniors' Centre, another charitable group that chose to return their 50% share to CHATS!

Other teams that comprised of Aurora residents included Team Ridgewood, the Upper Canada Mall Solemates, the Patrons Pacers, Olympic Ringers and Seneca College SSW Gerontology, as well as several CHATS staff and board related teams.

To everyone that participated in our 2014 Walk for Wellness, thank you. With the added support of West Jet, who donated two tickets anywhere they fly, which was raffled off during our wrap up event, the grand total raised to be dedicated to CHATS services and support for seniors and caregivers was over \$30,000. Thank you!

Tim Jones

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