

HAMILTON AUTISM WALK-A-THON

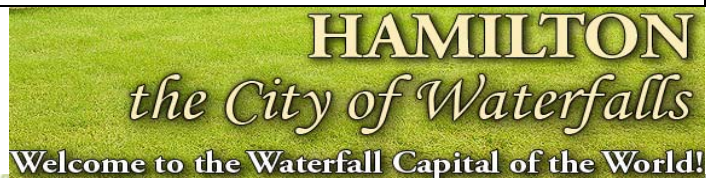
THE CANADIAN NATIONAL AUTISM FOUNDATION

In Partnership with

HAMILTON THE CITY OF WATERFALLS-CHRIS ECKLUND

September 20TH @ Christie Conservation Area

There will be no rain date Pre-registration 11:00 A.M. Walk begins at 11:30 A.M.



Mission and Vision Statement

The Canadian National Autism Foundation promotes the positive enhancements and quality of life for people with autism in Canada.

Foundation Goals

The objectives of the Canadian National Autism Foundation are charitable. The Canadian National Autism Foundation has been formed to provide funding for:

- * Educating the general public and professionals
- * Providing information and resources to families of children with autism
- * Providing funding for Canada based research and development
- * Promoting national autism awareness

What is Autism

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. It is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the functioning of the brain, autism and its associated behaviours, have been estimated to occur in as many as 1 in 150 individuals. There is no medical detection or cure for autism. Autism is four times more prevalent in boys than girls and knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries. Family income, lifestyle, and educational levels do not affect the change of autism's occurrence.

Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, and leisure or play activities. The disorder makes it hard for them to communicate with others and relate to the outside world. In some cases, aggressive and/or self-injurious behaviours may be present. Persons with autism may exhibit repeated body movements (hand flapping, rocking), unusual responses to people or attachments to objects and resistance to changes in routines. Individuals may also experience sensitivities in the five senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste.

Its prevalence rate makes autism one of the most common developmental disabilities. Yet most of the public, including many professionals in the medical, educational and vocational fields, are still unaware of how autism affects people and how they can effectively work with individuals with autism. As a person with autism, children can learn and function productively and show gains from appropriate education and treatment.

Every 24 minutes someone is being diagnosed with ASD. This means that 67 children are diagnosed per day. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined.

For more information on autism please contact: Canadian National Autism Foundation

www.cnaf.net

Telephone: 905-643-7183 Fax: 905-643-0969

Email: info@cnaf.net

Other Information

There will be CNAF Autism merchandise to purchase as well our CNAF Partner Disability Hub will be selling jewelry with a % to the CNAF

Please bring this form with the money pledged on the morning of the Hamilton Autism Walk-a-thon or mail 2 weeks prior to the walk.

Collect all money in advance and turn it in at registration or mail 2 weeks prior to the walk.

Please go to our website for pre-registration www.cnaf.net or to our partner, Hamilton the City of Waterfalls www.cityofwaterfalls.ca

Everyone must please register everyone who will be participating and getting pledges, children 3 and under are exempt from getting pledges. Registering helps us to plan for the walk.

Everyone is welcome to participate but please be aware that it is a walking trail and will be difficult for those with wheel chairs or strollers.

There will be 2 adult mountain bikes given out for the top male and top female, that bring in the highest amount of sponsorship.

Enjoy a complimentary barbeque, and pizza for the participants.

Additional activities provided for the children, including sensory area, and a clown and much more.

Sponsors

Special thank you to our sponsors: Zellers (Hamilton Upper James and Ancaster Meadowlands), Chris Ecklund, Jeremy Shortt Photography, Comic Connection, Boston Pizza (Hamilton Main West), Eagle Press Printers, Disability Hub (CNAF Partner), and Giggles The Clown



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