

14th Annual Walkathon for

CREATE A SMILE

in partnership with

Community Living St. Marys & Area



To: Those looking to create more SMILES in the World

From: The 'Create A Smile' Foundation & Community Living St. Marys & Area

THANK YOU for supporting our 14th Annual Walkathon for 'Create A Smile' Foundation in partnership with Community Living St. Marys & Area being held on **Sunday October 15th, 2017**. We are so excited about this year's walk/run and we hope you will join us!

This fundraiser is fuelled by the amazing generosity of volunteers. All of the money raised at this event goes to Community Living to support their mission of improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities in the South Western Ontario region. Not only has this event generated significant financial resources, it has also reminded us of the power of healthy communities.

The money raised is used to pay for things that enhance the lives of people with disabilities, their families and the communities they live in. This includes essential items not covered by government funding, some mobility and communication devices, summer supports for a number of young people, accessibility equipment purchased for people using the Pyramid Recreation Centre to allow for easier access, contributions to the Holy Name School playground, the Little Falls School playground and Eastward Park. People First, a self-advocacy group where members support each other to speak up for themselves and the issues that are important to them, has been supported locally and provincially.

The 'Create A Smile' Foundation began about 14 years ago, driven by a need that hit close to home. Our sister's teeth needed to be pulled due to their deterioration from medication that she had been on for her disability. Government funding was not available to support new dentures or implants, we were determined to resolve the situation. So, this is where 'Create A Smile' began. The first event took place in Stratford and raised over \$10,000. Over the past 13 years we have managed to raise over \$170,000 which has been used to provide support to many people in various ways with intellectual and physical disabilities. The years have flown by and as we look back on the steps we have taken they have added up to some impactful strides and smiles made in the lives of those living with disabilities.

For more information or to donate directly on-line please visit our website at www.communitylivingstmarys.ca or call [519-284-1400](tel:519-284-1400). The vision of Community Living St. Marys and Area is "A community where everyone belongs". Let's work together to make this vision a reality!

Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

We look forward to working together and creating more smiles in this world.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call. See you on **Sunday October 15th!**

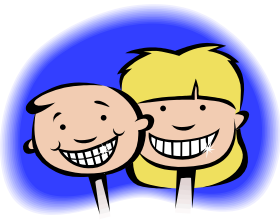
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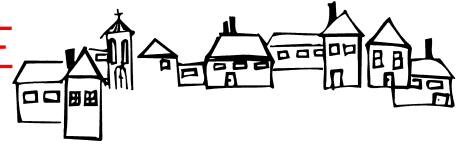
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Walk Details

Date: Sunday October 15th, 2017

Time: 2 to 4 pm

Route: Scenic route 5km walk

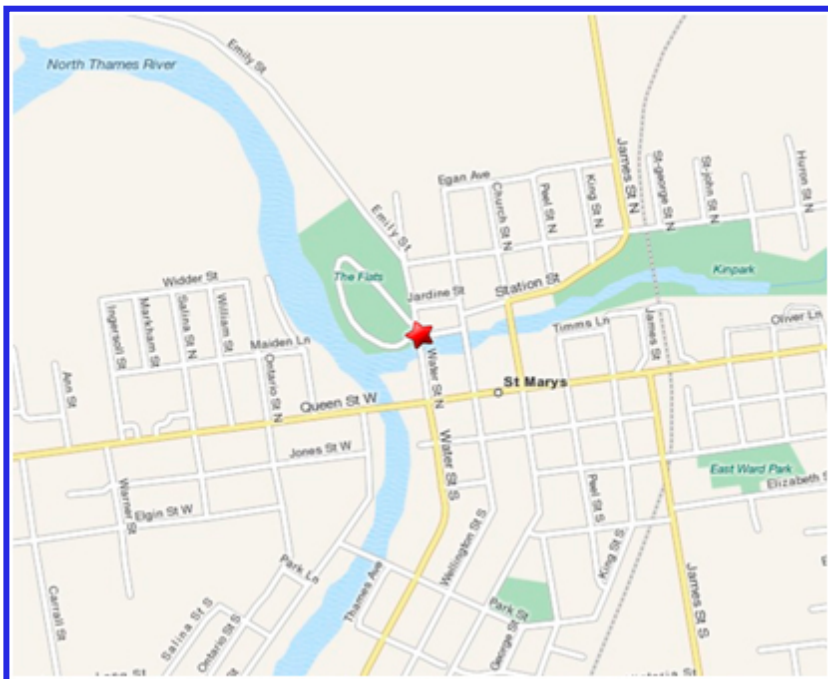
Start and End location: Milt Dunnell Park at the "Flats"

(**Registration begins at 1:00pm or preregister by emailing cohearn@clstmarys.ca**))

Prizes

Gift for everyone that fills a pledge sheet * Top 3 Fundraisers * Best Smile on the day of the walk
Door prizes & light snacks available for all participants. Great silent auction items!

Directions to Starting Location: Milt Dunnell Field – corner of Water St N and Parkview Dr



Milt Dunnell Park & Pavilion at "The Flats"

From Stratford:

Take Hwy 7 west to Water St. exit for St. Marys. Follow Water St. to the Milt Dunnell Park & Pavilion. (Total: 15 min.)

From London:

Take Highbury Ave. or Richmond St. North to Hwy 7. Turn right onto Hwy 7 east. Follow Hwy 7 east to Water St exit for St. Marys. Follow Water St. to the Milt Dunnell Park & Pavilion. (Total: 40 min.)

"A SMILE IS THE LIGHTING SYSTEM OF THE FACE, THE COOLING SYSTEM OF THE HEAD AND THE HEATING SYSTEM OF THE HEART." – UNKNOWN