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# **KIDNEY WALK**

## The Kidney Foundation of Canada

Every September, the Kidney Foundation of Canada, Manitoba Branch hosts its annual Kidney Walk. For more than a decade, participants have taken steps to make a difference in the lives of Manitobans affected by kidney disease. The Kidney Walks are an opportunity for patients on dialysis, organ transplant recipients, their families, living donors, the medical community, and the public to come together to make a tangible difference in the lives of the 1 in 9 Manitobans living with kidney disease. Each step is part of our collective passion to create a better future.

In Winnipeg, on September 8th at St. Vital Park, more than 300 participants raised over \$57,000 for the Kidney Foundation. On September 15th, participants from Pembina Valley came together at beautiful Morden Park where over 50 participants raised more than \$10,000. The Kidney Foundation would like to extend an invitation to attend the final 2019 Manitoba Kidney Walk in Brandon on September 22nd at Westridge Community Centre. Registration will begin at 9am, with the walk following at 10am. Everyone is welcome!

Participants from across the province rallied their networks raising funds for the kidney community which will enable the Kidney Foundation to implement important education and prevention programs throughout Manitoba. These programs aim to combat kidney disease, help improve the well-being of kidney patients and their families and increase awareness of the need for more organ donors. To all participants, the Kidney Foundation congratulates you on your fundraising successes!

Congratulations to the Kidney Walk Champions who each raised \$1000+.



Team "To Give is Human, to Receive is Divine" receives an honorary Champion title for their lost

loved one, Kari Urqhart- O'Reilly.

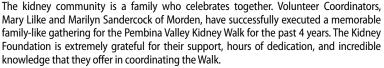
Winnipeg Kidney Walk Champions: Don Whitmore, Marlene Prosser, Donovan DeBattista, Kimberly Friesen, Pauli & Jim Rancourt, David Urquhart, Geri Lowe, and Evelyn Smith.

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For more information on becoming a donor, sponsor, participant, or volunteer for the Kidney Walks in Manitoba, or to learn more about the Kidney Foundation please contact 204-989-0800 or email info.mb@kidney.ca

The Kidney Walk is not just a fundraiser, it is a celebration of our spirit and a way to show our support for our loved ones. Thank you for celebrating with us.



CHAMPION KIPNEY WALK

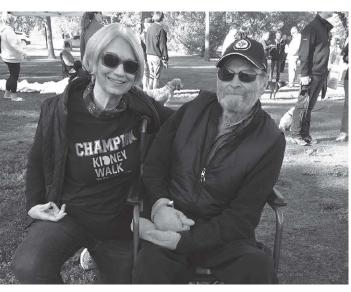
Champion, Evelyn Smith and her family. Evelyn fundraises in her community of Portage La Prairie and joins the Winnipeg Kidney Walk every year supporting team "Sydney's Stryders".



"Dave's Team" was the highest team fundraiser for the Pembina Valley Kidney Walk!



Special thanks to Mary Lilke and Marilyn Sandercock: Volunteer Coordinators for the Pembina Valley Kidney Walk.



Champions, Geri and Monty Lowe. Monty has lived with Chronic Kidney Disease for 50 years!