

# Thousands Join BAPS Charities Walk Green 2018

*Funds Will Go To Support William Osler Health System And Several Environmental Initiatives*



TORONTO: Over 900 community members of all ages came out with their families to support the annual BAPS Charities Walk Green 2018 in Toronto, Ontario on July 29, 2018 starting from the BAPS Swaminarayan Complex at 61 Claireville Drive, Toronto.

The BAPS Charities Walks in Canada support the lifesaving work of the William Osler Health System and raise funds for environmental initiatives organized by BAPS Charities.

Across North America, 2018 marks the third year that the annual BAPS Charities walkathon will benefit The Nature Conservancy and their effort to conserve the lands and waters on earth to sustain life for upcoming generations. BAPS Charities will contribute \$165,000, an equivalent

of planting 130,000 trees, to The Nature Conservancy to support their initiative to plant a billion trees globally by 2025.

“Coming out to support BAPS Charities is always rewarding, and it makes me feel proud to be helping the William Osler Health System and is also a great way for me to teach my children about protecting the planet and accepting environmental responsibility,” said Rakesh Brahmabhatt from Etobicoke, who has participated in the BAPS Charities Walk Green efforts for the past several years.

BAPS Charities uses these opportunities to instill a spirit of service and commitment to healthy living and environmental preservation in community members. Events such as this help in-

still consciousness in community members surrounding their actions, and, in turn, helps inspire global harmony with nature.

Special Guests at the event included:

- Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport
- Deepak Anand, MPP, Mississauga-Malton
- Councillor Vincent Crisanti, Ward 1 Etobicoke North

Commenting on activities of BAPS Charities, Rajesh Trivedi said, “I enjoy taking part in events hosted by BAPS Charities. Whether it is the annual walkathon event, blood donor drive, Children’s Health and Safety Day, health fair or a health lecture they engage community members of all ages in the spirit of service.”

Over 70 Walk Green events will take place across North America this year and in total, BAPS Charities will have helped The Nature Conservancy plant 300,000 trees over the last three years. Additionally, Walk Green efforts will have helped over 23,000 people gain more awareness about the environment

Through these annual walks as well as other events such as Health Fairs, Food Drives, and numerous global humanitarian efforts, BAPS Charities constantly exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism and strives to serve the community, by improving the quality of life of individuals and families.

BAPS Charities is a global charity active in nine countries across five continents. Volun-

teers drive its efforts, dedicating a portion of their lives in selfless service of others, both in their local neighborhoods as well as globally. Working in five key areas, BAPS Charities aims to express a spirit of selfless service through Health Awareness, Educational Services, Humanitarian Relief, Environmental Protection & Preservation and Community Empowerment.

From organizing Walkathons that raise funds for local and global needs, to supporting humanitarian relief in times of urgent need; from hosting community health fairs to sustaining hospitals and schools in developing countries, BAPS Charities provides an opportunity for individuals wishing to serve locally and globally.

## CIF Holds Meeting With Members Of Indian Business Delegation

OAKVILLE: The Canada India Foundation organized a meeting with a business delegation from India led by the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 24 July at CIF’s Oakville office.

Senior business leaders, corporate executives and officials of the Consulate General of India in Toronto participated in the meeting. The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry delegation comprised small business owners looking for business collaboration and joint venture partnerships in Canada.

Welcoming the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry delegation to Canada, Anil Shah, National Convener, Canada In-



dia Foundation, said Canada and India have strong economic and trade relations and that CIF has played the role of a catalyst in the transformation of the relation-

ship. He informed the visiting delegation of the mandate of CIF, its programs, and its plans.

Ranjit Mehta, Principal Director, PHD Chamber of Commerce

and Industry, briefed CIF members about the PHD Chamber’s century-old history and gave information about its forthcoming plans. Mehta provided statistics

about the pivotal role that 64 million small businesses perform in the Indian economy by contributing 34 percent to its economy.

Ramesh Chotai, former Chair of CIF, gave a broad perspective of CIF’s vision and gave a contextual reference point to its work in the emerging Canada – India relationship.

Satish Thakkar, Member, Board of Governors, CIF, said the rapidly growing Canada – India corridor is becoming active on several fronts.

The visiting delegates discussed the possibility of seeking joint venture partners and to understand the regulatory process of establishing collaborative ventures with Canadian entities.

## Three Held In Drug Case


REGION OF PEEL – Investigators from the Street Level Organized Crime Unit have arrested and charged three men in relation to a drug trafficking case.

Several search warrants were executed at addresses in Brampton and Caledon resulting in illegal drugs being seized:

- Fentanyl - 1136.5 grams (Street value: \$284,125.00)
- Crack Cocaine – 186.8 grams (Street value: \$18,680.00)
- Cocaine – 28 grams (Street value: \$2800.00)
- OxyContin – 25 pills (Street value: \$2500.00)

The total street value of the drugs seized is \$308,105.00.

Akram Ibrahim (28), and Christopher Singh (20), both from Brampton, have been charged with 12 drug related offences. Graham Fraser (29), from Fergus was charged with one drug related offence in the case.




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