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# Hundreds of Tamil Canadians Walk To Give Back To Canada

TORONTO, CANADA – Hundreds of Tamil Canadians will gather this Sunday (September 20) at Scarborough's Thomson Memorial Park for the first annual Tamil Canadian Walk-A-Thon. This year's event will be held to raise money for the SickKids, which treats nearly 100,000 patients every year including many from the South Asian community.

The Walk-A-Thon kicks off at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. at Albert Campbell Square.

The purpose of this year's Walk-a-Thon is to give back to the larger Canadian community. Canada has provided an abundance of opportunities for immigrant communities and the Tamil Canadian community wanted to hold this event in appreciation. Many also wanted to thank SickKids Foundation for saving lives and helping families across the world, including many of Tamil and South Asian background. All donations will directly go to the foundation to improve the health of children through health research and care.

"Canada has been unsurpassed in providing so many opportunities for its immigrant communities and we wanted to hold this Walk-A-Thon to give back to the larger Canadian public," said David Poopalapillai, National Spokesperson for the Canadian Tamil Congress. "We chose an institution like SickKids because of the excellent research it does and the care it has provided for hundreds of thousands of patients around the world."

The walkers will include those who have benefited from SickKids as well as many who immigrated to Canada and want to show their appreciation.

**Interview/Photo Opportunities: Tamil Canadians who have benefited from SickKids' treatment and/or one-time immigrants who are walking to help fellow Canadians.**

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SickKids Foundation is the largest non-governmental granting agency in child health in Canada. Established in 1972, SickKids Foundation has granted over \$500 million to The Hospital for Sick Children and over \$60 million to researchers across the country.

The Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC) is a non-profit organization which serves as the voice of Tamil Canadians. Headquartered in Toronto, the CTC has 11 chapters across the country and an elected board of directors. The non-partisan organization serves to give voice to the community on the municipal, provincial, federal and international levels.

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