Media advisory/Photo op
Attention: All assignment Editors/Education Editors/ Health Editors

Toronto Catholic Schools Walk for a Cure

Event: Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes
Date: Wednesday June 17, 2009
9:15 am - 10:00 am
Location: Our Lady of Peace Catholic School
70 Mattice Avenue, Etobicoke (Kipling and Bloor)

During the months of May and June, students, parents and staff of the Toronto Catholic District School Board have participated in the Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes event in support of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (“JDRF”).

Recognizing that there are many students in the TCDSB who live with Juvenile Diabetes, participating schools of the TCDSB have not only raised funds for a cure for diabetes for kids in their schools, they have also created awareness that childhood obesity has increased by more than 50% over the last 15 years and that Type II, adult onset diabetes, is now being detected in children. The Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes event encourages everyone to focus on the importance of physical activity and good healthy eating and living habits.

The students and staff of Our Lady of Peace Catholic School are passionate in their commitment to raise $10,000 to find a cure for diabetes for kids in their family of schools. Over 600 students, staff and parents of Our Lady of Peace will be walking. All funds raised by Our Lady of Peace Catholic School will be directed to JDRF funded research at The Hospital for Sick Children where many children from schools in the TCDSB receive the best diabetes care.

Members of the media are invited to attend the walk and meet the students and staff of Our Lady of Peace School.

JDRF, the world’s leading non profit, funder of diabetes research, was founded in 1974 by parents of children with Juvenile Diabetes. JDRF’s mission is constant-to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

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