

Don't just stand there

Every year, thousands of Canadians come together for the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life. They volunteer, walk, run, and raise funds to support programs and services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. These individuals have one united voice and their message is clear: HIV is still an issue.

This year's slogan: "Don't just stand there," reminds us that our collective voice needs to continue to get louder if we want to keep the attention of the world. That's where you come in!

The success of the walk depends on our dedicated volunteers. Each year, over 100 enthusiastic volunteers share their time and talents with AIDS Calgary to plan the Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life and make sure the event runs smoothly so everyone has a great time on Walk day. This year is no exception. Recruitment for volunteers is now underway and positions are given on a first come, first serve basis. The AIDS Walk for Life is a family friendly event and we encourage volunteers of all ages to participate and help us make this Walk the best ever.

If you, a friend, family member or a co-worker are interested in volunteering at this year's event, follow these simple steps to register:

1. Get your application form by downloading it from: aidscalgary.org or calling 403-508-2500
2. Fill out the form completely and don't forget to indicate your preferred position

3. Return the form via:

Email – volunteer@aidscalgary.org
Fax – 403-263-7358
Mail – 110, 1603 10 Avenue
SW Calgary, AB T3K 4J3

4. Wait for a confirmation email or phone call

Please register early, as this event always has a waiting list!

If you don't want to volunteer, there are still other ways to participate. You may want to consider registering as a walker, creating a team or sponsoring a walker. Feel free to call us anytime to get tips on fundraising and how to create a Walk team. It's a great way to get your family or social groups involved in an important cause and have a fun time doing it. Please visit: <http://www.aidscalgary.org/events/aidswalkforlife/registerpledge.cfm> for details.

Don't just stand there! Join us for this year's walk and see how your support makes a difference. We look forward to seeing you on September 12th.



Volunteers serve lunch to hungry Walkers

Currently recruiting for Walk volunteers in the following areas:

Marketing:

Volunteers assist in awareness activities from the beginning of August, leading up to the week of the event by putting up Walk posters and distributing pledge forms in the Calgary area.

Route Volunteer:

Route volunteers will be separated into groups and will staff each route station. Each station will be provided with materials (sidewalk chalk, pom-poms, bubbles, etc) to help cheer walkers on. Volunteers will provide directions and assistance to walkers as needed. This is a great activity to do with a friend!

Food and Beverage:

Volunteers will staff the Food and Beverage tent and assist in distributing snacks and water to walkers in the morning. Once the walk begins, volunteers will begin setting up tables in preparation for lunch and help serve lunch once walkers return to Eau Claire Plaza.

Greeters:

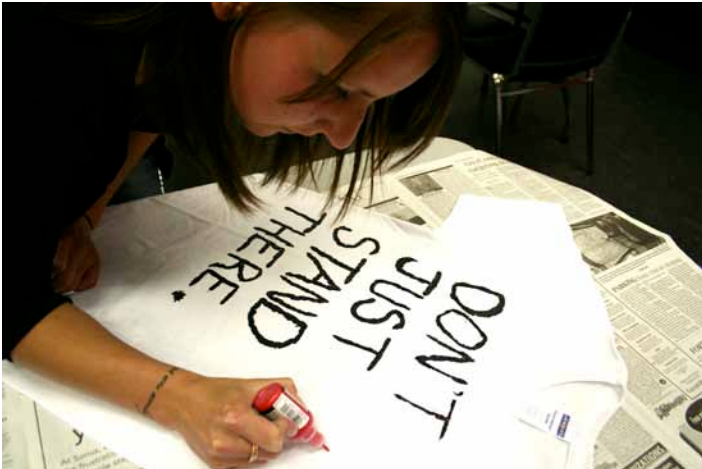
Volunteers are responsible for greeting walkers and the general public at major entrances to the site. You will be required to provide information about the event and location of tents, bathrooms, food, etc as well as answer any general questions. Volunteers who are familiar with Eau Claire Plaza and AIDS Calgary, and have attended/volunteered at previous AIDS Walk events will be given priority for this position.

Surveyors:

Feedback from participants of the Walk is crucial to help us make each year's event even better than the last. Volunteers will approach walkers in the Eau Claire Plaza and ask them to complete a brief survey. All surveys will be collected and returned to the supervisor for review and to assist in future planning.

Volunteer Challenge 2010

This year's Volunteer Challenge participants have made thousands of AIDS ribbons and condom packs, attended workshops on various topics and shared their creative side with us as well. Check out the pictures below for the artistic work of volunteers who joined us for the Mystery Box and Make your Mark events. Thank you to all the volunteers who have participated so far!



Volunteers show support for AIDS awareness by decorating t-shirts to wear at this year's Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life.



Volunteer Challenge participants created an AIDS ribbon from different materials to symbolize the diversity of the individuals who utilize services at AIDS Calgary or take part as volunteers.

Don't miss the party!

The 2010 Volunteer Challenge is coming to an end and we are all getting ready for another successful Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life. Sounds like the perfect reason to have a party!

Join us from 6 to 8 pm on August 19th at the South Calgary Community Association (3130 - 16 Street SW) to celebrate the work of our wonderful volunteers. We will be drawing names for this year's Volunteer Challenge winner and handing out some fabulous prizes. Find out if you're a winner!

The party will also be a great opportunity to meet participants in this year's AIDS Walk and find out more about how you can get involved.

Help us kick off this year's Walk and recognize the dedication of all our supporters – it's an event you won't want to miss!

Please RSVP by August 13th.

E-mail: volunteer@aidscalgary.org or

Phone: 403-508-2500

Recruiting Pride volunteers

AIDS Calgary is gearing up to participate in this year's Pride festivities and we hope you can join us.

With over 3000 people attending Pride events, it is the perfect opportunity for us to reach out to the community. We are looking for volunteers to come out and march with AIDS Calgary along the parade route and distribute condom packs and information to the crowd.

Save the date: Sunday, September 5, 2010

Time: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (approx.)

For more information, or to register, email: volunteer@aidscalgary.org and put "Pride Volunteer" in the subject line.

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