

WING KEI WALKATHON

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THANK YOU! We Raised Over \$270,000!

On June 23 morning, Calgary was showered by rain but Wing Kei was shined by love! Over 1,000 participants proudly showed up at the Chinese Cultural Centre for the 18th annual Wing Kei Walkathon with their bright yellow t-shirts, raising over \$270,000 dollars! We would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all our sponsors, dignitaries, volunteers and staff members. THANK YOU to those who came out to support the *Walk For Seniors*. We are truly inspired by your effort and resilience. Indeed, we walk the walk together!

By the numbers...

160

VOLUNTEERS

1,558

T-SHIRTS

440_{LBS}

CHICKEN

370_{LBS}

PORK

180_{LBS}

BROCCOLI

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~ Grace, one of the walkers



Weather does not deter our Wing Kei Walkathon participants.

Did You Know?

The Calgary rainfall continued overnight into the Walkathon day, with accumulations in some parts of the city measuring 27 millimeters. According to Environment Canada, that number broke the official rainfall record of 24.6 millimeters which was set in 1972.



Walkers are patiently lining up before the Walkathon commences.

There were many first-timers. There were some from out of town.

"I could not believe that so many people have come out despite the rain," said Amy, who makes her debut with her choir group. Mrs. Sung came from Vancouver to walk, "I have been supporting this event many years. I come out to walk with my great grandsons. It feels so great!"

And there was Mrs. Lee, visiting from Hong Kong to walk with her mother. She was utterly inspired by the spirits of Wing Kei and said she wants to find out everything about us to see how her mother and friends can benefit from our continuing care services in Calgary.

Some people, like Bernie, have been supporting the Walkathon since day one. As one of the 160 spirited volunteers, Bernie even started earlier on the day to provide support to the registration and food line.

Close to 1,500 t-shirts have been given out to registrants. That number also met our target goal.

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Yes, we also feel your love and our Wing Kei spirit is growing every day.

Indeed, we walk the walk together!

2019 Wing Kei Walkathon June 22, 2019 (Saturday) RAIN or SHINE!

Visit our website at www.wingkei.org for more information soon.

Faces of the Walkathon



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Our Future Growth To Meet The Needs of Seniors

Walkathon is one of the major fundraising events of Wing Kei. **But why does Wing Kei need to fundraise?** When we are excited about our future growth, we are as mindful that effective budgeting and fund development are the backbones to support that drive. In the current funding structure, Alberta Health (through Alberta Health Services) covers resident care costs (nursing, therapeutics), and ONLY a portion of personal care services and various amounts of facility development, housing and accommodation costs.

As Wing Kei, with your encouragement, intends to be part of the solution with the ever increasing care needs of seniors in Calgary. We must increase our donor base to cover costs that are not fully funded by the government. Those costs may include construction, renovation and services that increase our capacity and enhance seniors' quality of life. For our current expansion growth, Wing Kei aims at raising \$3.3 million in the next 3 years. We know we will get your blessings and support to achieve that goal altogether! We will keep you posted on our fundraising campaign news. With your generous donation, it is heartwarming to know that our seniors are always enjoying the best in their Wing Kei homes.

Contact community@wingkei.org for more information.