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# Grace-St. Philip's Family Sponsorship Committee

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May 3, 2016

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to tell you about the upcoming Walkathon in support of the Grace - St. Philip's Family Sponsorship, a partnership between Grace and St. Philip's On The Hill Anglican Churches to welcome a Syrian family to Canada. We are very excited to have this opportunity to include the entire Grace parish community in our efforts. It is sobering to think that simply walking – an activity denied those living in refugee camps today – can so dramatically improve the lives of a deserving family. We are thrilled to work together with St. Philips-on-the-Hill in this common goal and invite you to join with us in this very worthy endeavor.

This fundraising Walkathon is an annual event by St. Philip's-on-the-Hill, with this year's proceeds directed specifically to our joint Syrian sponsorship. It will be held on Sunday May 29, 2016 and will originate from St. Philip's after the 10:30 morning service (departure at approximately 11:30 a.m.) St. Philip's is located at 9400 Kennedy Road just north of 16th Avenue. In the spirit of fellowship, participants from both congregations are encouraged to first attend the St. Philip's 10:30 service.

The Walk is a loop approximately 5 kilometres in length north on Kennedy, through the neighbourhoods north of the church. Maps will be available at the church; although we intend to walk together. The loop returns to the church, where a light lunch will be served for all the deserving walkers.

We encourage everyone to join us for the walk and to sign up sponsors to inspire your steps. You can use the attached pledge form or direct people to the Canada Helps website where we have established a page to receive donations. You should be able to click on this link to open the page or copy this URL into your browser.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/133909861RR001-st-philips-anglican-church/>

If this link does not work for you, please go to [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) and search on Grace - St. Philip's.

If you can't walk for any reason, please consider donating directly to our efforts. The website will happily take all donations!

Gerry Meade

On behalf of the Grace St. Philip's Family Sponsorship Committee