

Walk a mile in our shoes



DEBBIE DESCHENES enjoys the cool comfort that foot powder can bring after completing the first leg of the journey. At each checkpoint small white areas of foot powder served as reminders to the next groups to come along.

Over 600 boys, girls, moms and dads turned out in Saturday's 20 degree weather for the annual Miles for Millions Walkathon. Money raised by sponsoring the many walkers will aid the "Y" World Service, Oxfam and UNICEF.

Georgetown walkers began the 25.4 mile route at 7 a.m. from Holy Cross School on Maple Avenue where they would end up a few hours later.

Seven check points along the route provided drinks, a rest and washroom facilities to the walkers while St. John Ambulance crews stood on hand ready to serve in the event of an emergency.

The route from Holy Cross School went along 17 Sideroad to Alton School, from there to Snelgrove after a brief rest at Snelgrove the next leg of the journey ended at Parkholme School followed by Roselea Arena as the midway point in the walk. Huttonville school, followed by Norval School brought walkers to their original starting place.

At one point in the walk Halton Regional Police were summoned to the 17 Sideroad as many of the walkers left the shoulder of the road and began to block traffic.

Busses provided return transportation to those who could not make the trip to their original starting point, and those unable to complete the route by 7:30 that evening.

Wes Penner, one of the organizers of the event reported that walkathons such as this are on the decline and, combined with the Trees For Canada planting day, the number of participants was down from last year.

Many cases of sore feet and sunburn were reported but nothing serious warranted the attention of the Georgetown organizers.

All schools in Georgetown were represented in the walkathon with Tracey Stevenson of Georgetown District High School, the first to complete the route.



MIKE BELLARS prepares for the next leg in the course that many Georgetown residents took as part of the Miles for Millions walk.



FOOTPOWDER and a quiet rest cured many of the problems of the day, Margaret Anderson prepares to get underway for the rest of her 25-mile journey.



GALLONS OF ORANGE JUICE pounds of foot powder and lots of willpower were used by the 600 people who left Georgetown for the Miles for Millions Walkathon on Saturday.



A LIGHT SNACK doesn't hurt as Terry Morrissey proves while she rests at Parkholme School early Saturday morning.



RESTING WAS JUST AS IMPORTANT as walking. Lisa Penton, Less Hanley and Carolyn Burrows found that out Saturday.

The cool grass of Parkholme School soothed many hot, tired feet throughout the day's walkathon.

ONCE YOU GET YOUR SHOES OFF, getting them on can be a different story as Caroline Cummings found out.



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