

Father and son tell story of organ donation

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"It really puts a damper on their participation and their donations. So I thought if we had one here at a place in the county we'd be able to get people out to help raise awareness about the organ donation situation."

The Windsor and District Foundation has been holding similar walk-a-thons in the city for the past five years.

Mike Brennan, chapter co-ordinator for the local foundation, said there are approximately 300 people in Windsor and Essex County living with kidney disease.

More than half of all Canadians awaiting transplants are in need of a new kidney, Brennan said.

John is placing his faith in the people of the county to become organ donors and increase their participation



in the foundation's fundraising efforts.

"It's my firm belief that county folks are very, very generous," he said. "They're very concerned about their family and friends and neighbours. Once we can get them to be aware of what's going on, I'm sure that they'll be able to support the Kidney

Foundation fully as well as people in the city do."

The Windsor and District Kidney Foundation of Canada will be holding its next public event Nov. 16 at the Ciociaro Club in Windsor. For more information, or to become an organ donor, call 519 977 9211.

Matthew Bunn, left, and his father John, pose in front of the ChryslerCanada Greenway at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens in Ruthven Oct. 7. Supporters of the first annual Be a Life Saver Walk for Organ Donor Awareness headed five kilometres down the greenway to raise funds for the Windsor and District Kidney Foundation of Canada. The event has taken place in 22 communities across Ontario since Sept. 30.

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