

MS walk serves up help, hope for affected families

In 2008, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham raised more than \$92,000 for the MS Society of Canada during its fundraising annual walk.

This year, local organizers want to make \$100,000.

"This event helps to fund services for people with MS and their families, which can include providing information and referrals, supportive counselling and mobility equipment," said Yves Savoie, president and CEO of the MS Society of Canada and president of the MS Society's Ontario division.

"The MSWalk also helps fund the MS Society's national research program, which is bringing researchers ever closer to finding the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis."

Multiple sclerosis is the most common disease of the central nervous system among young

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adults in Canada and symptoms include vision and speech problems, extreme fatigue, lack of balance and co-ordination and even paralysis.

Women are diagnosed three times more than men and Canada has one of the highest rates of the disease in the world, with approximately three people being diagnosed each day, according to the MS Society of Canada.

This year's walk takes place on Sunday, April 19, at Markham District High School, 89 Church St.

The walk gets under way at 10 a.m. Three distances are available: 1.5 kilometres, six kilometres and

eight kilometres.

To register for the MS Walk or for more information, call 1-888-822-8467 or go to www.mswalks.ca.

Openings in Madigan tourney

There are openings in next month's Paddy Madigan hockey tournament.

The second annual tourney in Mr. Madigan's name will be played on the Easter weekend, April 10 and 11, at the Stouffville Arena. Organized by the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League, it's open to men's and co-ed teams.

Team entry fee of \$600 includes three games. You can enter at Boyd's Source for Sports on Ringwood Drive.

Funds raised will go to the Stouffville Emergency Care Fund, which assists residents in dire need.

Mr. Madigan, a former SAHL president and assistant coach of the Stouffville Spirit Jr. A team, died suddenly in February 2008.

For more information, including tournament division contacts, go to sahl.ca

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