

LIONS GO TO THE DOGS FOR FUNDRAISER

Walk for dog guides helps Canadians with disabilities

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On May 28, the Stouffville Lions will host their second Walk for Dog Guides.

Funds raised will be used to provide dog guides to Canadians with visual, hearing and other physical disabilities, allowing them to enjoy increased mobility, safety and independence. All the money raised by the walk, which is sponsored by Purina®, goes directly to providing dog guides.

The local club's first walk raised over \$3,000 in just two hours, representing 50 per cent of the cost of a dog guide, which is provided free to qualified recipients. Club president Joe Cote and his helpers will be on hand to meet and

greet all participants and the club will provide all refreshments and incentives to ensure that one hundred per cent of the money raised is donated to the charity.

You can register for the walk online at www.purinawalkfordogguides.com or at Latcham Hall at 11 a.m. on the day of the event. Pledge forms are available from the website or by calling 905-640-1867. The walk begins at 1 p.m. outside Latcham Hall. Friendly, leashed dogs are welcome to join their owners for this fun community event.

Through the efforts of Lion Cliff Aiken, the Stouffville club has supported Canine Vision Canada and the Lion's Foundation of Canada since its inception.



Stouffville residents Cheeta (left) and her owner, Paula Elson, were awarded the American Mixed Breed Obedience Registration's 2005 trophy for placing first in the National Obedience Rankings in both the Open and Utility categories. Cheeta displayed her usual courtesy and class as she graciously waved a greeting to Stouffville Free Press readers.

Volunteer Appreciation Service honours residents

More than 50 Whitchurch-Stouffville residents, representing 45 organizations, attended the 18th annual Volunteer Appreciation Service at St. James Presbyterian Church April 23.

Sisters Madison and Darby Bartley presented certificates and pens to each guest. Congratulations were extended by Mayor Sue Sherban and Rev. Kathryn Strachan, the congregation's pastor. The following were honoured:

Liz Lightfoot, representing The Canadian Cancer Society and Music Mania; Ann Grundy and Dorothy Wagg, the Stouffville Recycling Group; Isaac and Sharon Klassen, Bach to Blues Company; Magda Rigo and Beulah King, Markham Stouffville Hospital; Gayle Atkinson and Stewart McElroy, Student Music Scholarship Concert; Margaret Paterson and Sandra Sansom, Ballantrae Tennis Club; Anna Fretz, Marion Jensen, Dean McCowan and Peter Liaros, Heart and Stroke Foundation; Wilf and Nelda Morley, The Silver Jubilee Club and the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club; Audrey Gibson, CHATS Meals on Wheels; Joe and Marie Cote, Stouffville Lions Club; Lorne and Marion Boadway, Parkview Village Choir; Karen Bowman, Welcome Wagon; Robt. 'Bud' Sanderson, Latcham Gallery; Jim Hebert, The Gideons; Chaplain Bonnie Borchardt and Margaret Jemmet, Friends of Parkview Home; Jim Lyon, Stouffville Branch 459, Royal Canadian Legion; Joan Marshman and Aldine Sinclair, Stouffville Legion

Ladies Auxiliary; Ruth Hodges and Pat Gott, Stouffville Lioness Club; Al Piette, Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Umpires' Association; Mackenzie Gott, The Mayor's Youth Council; Jim Mason, Stouffville Spirit Hockey Club; Wendy Armstrong, Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association; Elaine Osbourne, Stouffville Girl Guides Association; Ivan Harris and Ted Cybruch, Eastern Gate Residents' Council; Maureen Wood, Stouffville Horticultural Society; Anne Scott, Stouffville Figure Skating Club; Sandra Stronach, Stouffville Rotary Club; Holly Reynolds, Strawberry Festival Committee; Marion Wells, Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank; Alan Powell, The Canadian Food Grains Bank; Elna Coetsee, Care & Share Thrift Shop; Fred Robbins, York Region Running Club; Jim Clark, York-Durham Heritage Railway Association; Harry Bowes, Whitchurch-Stouffville Elementary School Council; Sharon Klassen, Stouffville Aphasia Centre and Jim Thomas, Music Town, Ontario.

Students Dean McCowan and Peter Liaros were named 'super volunteers' for their work in collecting more than \$400 in the 2006 Heart & Stroke Foundation canvass. Following the service, fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed in the church's Morris Hall, at which time, Mayor Sherban addressed the congregation and guests.

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