



NLCU Charitable Foundation Corporation Walks in Support Of Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador

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[ST. JOHN'S] – On a beautiful spring day over 100 volunteers of the Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union Charitable Foundation Corporation (the "Foundation") raised over \$30,000 as part of the organization's 16th Annual Walk-A-Thon. Walks were held at 8 locations across the province on Sunday, June 2, with all 12 of NLCU's branches represented. Funds raised by this year's Walk-A-Thon will go to Special Olympics Newfoundland and Labrador (SONL), and will help support their preparation to send a team of 70 athletes, from all areas of our province, to the 2020 Special Olympics Canada National Winter Games in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Glenn Bolger, Vice-Chairperson of the Foundation and COO of NLCU, was present at the walk held in St. John's and was delighted at the turnout. "There was an overabundance of enthusiasm and spirit from all those in attendance." Mr. Bolger shared. "With so many SONL members walking with us, the excitement of the event was quite evident...the efforts of our dedicated employee team, their families and friends, along with NLCU's Board of Directors and representatives continue to make our annual walk-a-thon a success year after year."

As well, in attendance was Heather Miller, member of CBS Brightsiders Club of SONL. "Your support and monies will be used to provide better sport programs, competition opportunities and gives athletes the opportunity to reach their full athletic and social potential," says Ms. Miller. "Through a culture of acceptance and inclusion, our world is a brighter and more beautiful because of your support." Special Olympics NL is a province-wide non-profit organization that serves individuals and are dedicated to enriching the lives of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, with an intellectual disability, through sport.

"It's uplifting to know that our efforts will support such an important and impactful program pursuing inclusivity in our province," Bolger explained. "SONL strives to improve both the awareness and support of the community in regards to Special Olympics Canada and those involved with the organization, and to play even a small role in helping their mission is extremely rewarding."

Walk-A-Thon funds were raised from pledges, corporate donations and contributions through Canadahelps.org. As Charity of Choice, SONL will receive a significant portion of the proceeds raised. The remaining funds will be distributed to other provincial charities throughout the year. To find out more about the Walk-a-Thon's charity of choice, please visit: <https://www.specialolympics.ca/newfoundland-and-labrador>.

About NLCU Charitable Foundation Corporation

The NLCU CFC was established as a registered charity in 2002 by NLCU. Since its inception, the NLCU CFC has donated over \$1 million to charities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. The NLCU CFC's vision is to be a visible leader in support of registered charities primarily in Newfoundland and Labrador that work to improve social programs and services in the areas of youth, education, health, arts, culture, and the environment. The NLCU CFC is 100% volunteer led and run, and NLCU employees are its driving force, raising funds on behalf of the CFC for distribution to other charities.

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