

2009 Celebrity Walk an Amazing Triumph

Almost \$209,000! That's the total amount of money raised at the recently held Children's Treatment Centre Celebrity Walk. It was a feat unheralded and it all happened because of Cornwall's incredibly generous nature.

Milton Ellis, Publisher of the Standard Freeholder and steadfast supporter of the Centre emotionally summed up the event. "I want to say we can all take great pride for our part in this year's walk and breakfast. This event offers us all an opportunity to play a role in bringing hope and providing healing to children who have suffered the trauma of abuse."

To underscore the level of support would be an understatement. More than 600 business professionals and committed citizens gathered at the crack of dawn last October 29 for the breakfast and walk that has become the fabric of the Centre's dedication. As it has been for the past 12 years, Cornwall has once again shown its amazing ability to step up when the need is there.

That ability was not lost on Ellen Campbell, Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness and special guest speaker at the event. I can't tell you how impressed I am with this agency," she said during her remarks. "You can teach Toronto a lot. I wish there would have been a Treatment Centre in my life."

The Celebrity Breakfast and Walk has become a signature event for the Treatment Centre and every year, more and more people make a commitment to the event and throw both their support and contribution behind it. They know only too well the wonderful work it does and that funding for its services come solely from the community, a fact in which the Treatment Centre staff are justifiably proud.