

T.A.L.K. walk/run – Town Council Presentation – April 18, 2017

Sponsored by the South Huron Optimist Club, the TALK walk/run is a fundraiser for the children of Kara Gosleigh to be held on September 16, 2017 during the Great Community Challenge weekend. Kara is a 46 year old mother of three, Noel 11, Sophie 10 and Madelyn who is 8 years old. Over the past 5 years Kara has bravely fought cervical cancer and now is losing the battle. This walk is being organized to provide a trust fund for her three children.

TALK stands for:

Teal -the awareness ribbon colour of cervical cancer

Awareness -as we are using this opportunity to educate and encourage people to have their routine screening done, education on cervical cancer and prevention, and make sure people know how to be an advocate of their own health

Life celebration of

Kara

The vision is to have a day of celebration for families. We will be starting at 9:30am with opening ceremonies which will include a welcome and guest speaker who will discuss cervical cancer and prevention. Afterwards, we will have a 1.5 km children's route followed by a 5km family route, where people can walk, run, ride a bike, or whatever they would like. The routes will start at the north end of Pryde Blvd and will circle around the streets on the east side of Exeter. Along the routes we hope to connect with the residents to see if they will decorate their homes in teal so that people will have a route clearly marked out for them. There will also be people designated at the beginning and end to ensure no one is lost or injured. We will also have some ATVs designated to keep an eye as well with a first aid box and water should anyone need it. After the Walk/Run there will be food available at the Ag building and a silent auction and raffle draws.

We would like to thank the Municipality of South Huron for their support of this event and also would like to take this opportunity to share the appreciation Kara's family has for the generosity and support of this community.

The South Huron Optimist Club is excited to partner with the TALK Teal Walk/Run committee and sponsor their event in conjunction with our annual Great Community Challenge already underway on that date.

What is the Great Community Challenge?

The Great Community Challenge is a weekend event put on by the South Huron Optimist Club and enjoyed by all community members who wish to participate in it. It is a fun recreational weekend that hosts a co-ed ball tournament, holey board tournament, music and children's activities. This new added partnership with the TALK Teal Walk/Run committee adds a whole new component in the same spirit of fun and camaraderie that already exists with this current weekend's events and can only enhance and make the event even more successful.

The Great Community Challenge had 32 Corporate sponsors last year that allowed us to make the most of our money raised so that as a club, we can invest in the very community we serve in and that those sponsors work and employ people in. We are all in it for the betterment of our community and the lives that we touch each day.

To give you an idea of what this event has meant for our communities in South Huron, here is a list of benefactors that have received funds from our annual event:

2011 – Centralia Playground was planned and installed thanks to a group of local community members who worked with our club and helped us to host the event, secure grants and purchase the playground equipment that you see there today. A great and necessary park for the residents and visitors to Centralia.

2012 – Crediton Playground was enhanced through the proceeds from the Great Community Challenge where once again we partnered with residents who wanted to improve the playground for the children of their community and visitors.

2013 – Funds were raised to assist the South Huron Optimist Club and other local supporters to bring the Exeter Splash Zone to life. We were also able to raise money for a local family who was going through some tough times. (A Noble Cause)

2014 – Funds were raised for Phase 2 of the splash pad project which is the adjacent playground that you see there today. Beautiful and well used structures enjoyed by kids of many ages.

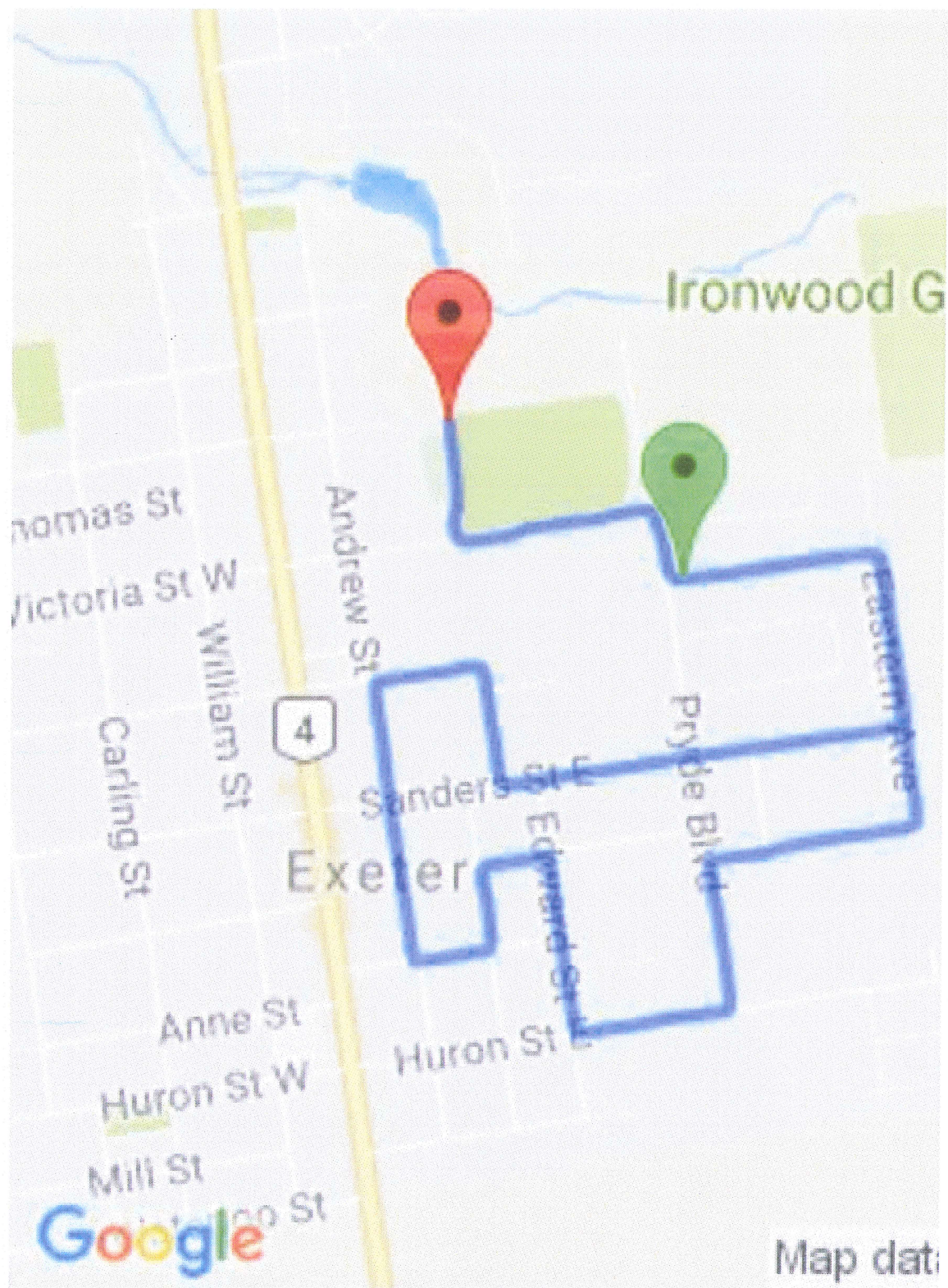
2015 – With no concrete projects in the works within the communities of South Huron that we were aware of, we used the funds raised from this year's Great Community Challenge and purchased a commercial cooler for the Exeter Food Bank. This allowed the food bank to be able to store the dairy, produce and meat necessary to help those less fortunate in our community. Before the new cooler they were unable to accept donations of those products in any large quantity.

2016 – As part of a series of events for the club, the Great Community Challenge used the proceeds of this year's events to add to the "pot" to be able to give a generous donation to a cause that has been welcomed by a large majority of our community members, and that cause is "Jessica's House". The club has a few more events lined up in 2017 that will also benefit Jessica's House and we will present that committee with a large donation from our efforts once these events are completed.

2017 – It is our goal this year to be able to raise money at the Great Community Challenge for the 3rd phase of the splash pad project which is accessible washrooms at the splash pad/playground as there are not suitable facilities there at present. We will also take this opportunity to assist the TALK Teal Walk/Run in raising additional funds for their cause through our Holey Board tournament.

What is the Mutual Benefit to the Partnership of South Huron Optimist Club and the Talk Teal Walk/Run?

The South Huron Optimist Club already has the facilities rented and our community event is already underway we are therefore able to provide shared space for the Talk Teal Walk/Run at no additional cost to them allowing them to raise more funds for their cause. The South Huron Optimist Club benefits from having more people attend their event and enjoying the festivities. We will be speaking to our insurance provider Gaiser Kneale insurance about adding the Talk Teal Walk/Run onto our liability policy for the weekend as well.



5.0017 km

Distance

Map data