



HAE Canada Newsletter

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HAE Canada's Participation in the HAEi 2018 Global Walk

HAE Canada is very proud of the many Canadians who put their best foot forward and participated in the HAE Global Walk. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy to this global initiative. Canada came out on top boasting over 9,000,000 steps because of all the work that happened behind the scenes at HAE Canada.

Firstly, our social media team, initiated by Jessica Howlett, repeatedly promoted the walk on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, encouraging all Canadians to log their steps on the HAE.org website. The HAE Canada Board of Directors also actively engaged different organizations who make a difference in the HAE community here in Canada. Board members and staff emailed the HAE Global Walk's link to the Canadian Hereditary Angioedema Network (CHAEN), who further sent to HAE specialists' across the nation, Angio-oedème héréditaire du Québec/ HAE Quebec (AOHQ), our current and upcoming Canadian pharmaceutical sponsors, our staff, Daphne Dumbrille from the HAE Canada Office and Events Management Plus, along with allied partners, asking they log their steps to show support for HAE. HAE Canada is grateful that our requests were answered!

Some families, such as the Badiou and LeGras families, took things even further by involving their grandchildren and started family walking groups to clock their kilometers, making it truly a family effort. Having the Winnipeg Jets winning streak during the Stanley Cup finals helped them engage their Facebook friends. Challenging the Visser, Simon, Howlett, Feere/Gunderson families brought out the Canadian pride and the race was on! The picture of Johnathan Howlett and his son tugged at everyone's heart, as well as the Badiou sweethearts. When the HAE Canada Board posted their walking efforts on their Facebook sites, their Facebook friends took notice and walked along with them. Bob and Judy Simon shared how they helped with Canada's steps: "Over the last few weeks we have been able to track

approximately 5kms per day, with our thoughts going out to all that suffer, not only with the rare blood disorder of HAE but all disorders in this world and thoughts for a better day for all down the road..."

Jessica and Amanda Howlett walked the entire Jacobsweg Walk. Special thanks to Ken, Linda, Jacquie, Richard, Charles St. Pierre, Tina Huk, Kari Feere and her daughter Paige Gunderson, Joseph Andolfatto & Lindsay Williams who also participated in the Walk. Kari was particularly moved by her experience on her first Conference walk,

"My daughter Paige and I walked, sporting our Canada Flags. It was my first Conference and walk. We chose the first big leg of the walk, knowing it would be a huge challenge for us both as HAE patients, but we made it 23 kms. It was a struggle, but worth it for all those who suffer with HAE around the world. Meeting other patients and even some local Vienna people along the way who were drawn to us from our flags and Canadian scarf I wore in my hair. They were so happy to know we came to their Country. We also met a teacher with a group of young students. They were excited to see our flags. So our group gave them the flags and some Canadian pins Ken and Linda brought. They got more excited."

HAE Canada was proud to wave our Canadian flags and share our pins throughout the conference.

Thanks Canada!!

The one truly impactful piece was honoring some we have lost along the way and celebrating the support we receive, as a true **HAE Global family**.