



Media Advisory

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Teaming up to end youth homelessness

Hundreds of Edmontonians will be running and walking through Whitemud Park on Sunday, June 18 to raise awareness and support towards ending youth homelessness in the fifth annual Homeward Walk|Run.

Homeward Trust Edmonton has partnered with e4c, Edmonton John Howard Society, iHuman Youth Society, and Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS) to support their programs that move youth from high-risk situations to positive futures. Every dollar raised in the Homeward Walk|Run will be divided equally among the 4 partner agencies. This collaboration shows the commitment to ending youth homelessness in our community.

The 2016 Edmonton Point in Time Homeless Count identified 305 homeless children and youth under the age of 25, a decrease from 2014. The Count also found that 21% of youth experiencing homelessness in Edmonton identify as LGBTQ2S+. One of the most common forms of youth homelessness is hidden homelessness: youth couch surfing and staying temporarily with family and friends. We have been working on appropriate, adequate and respectful services for homeless youth. One such program is Youth Housing First. Now a year old, this program has proven to be a positive force in the lives of nearly 100 youth who have moved out of homelessness.

Walk|Run participants have the choice of a 5 km walk or run, a 10 km run, and a fun run for the kids.

Date: Sunday, June 18, 2017

Place: Whitemud Park, Picnic Site #1 (12505 Keillor Rd NW)

Time: 9:00 am - onsite registration

9:30 am - welcome remarks:

Susan McGee, CEO Homeward Trust Edmonton

Michael Walters, Ward 10 City Councillor

10:00 am - Walk|Run begins

11:20 am - prize handouts

Susan McGee will be available to speak to media before the event. Representatives from e4c, Edmonton John Howard Society, iHuman, and YESS will be at the Walk|Run.

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