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Edmonton, Alberta

Announcing the First Annual “Walk For Friendship” where all Twenty Friendship Centres in Alberta will host a fundraiser walk for Youth Recreation Initiatives on June 1st.

On June 1st, celebrate the spirit of friendship as each local Friendship Centre hosts a fundraiser called, Walk for Friendship. All 20 Friendship Centres will participate in the first Annual Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA) “Walk For Friendship”. In Edmonton, the Walk For Friendship will mark the ANFCA’s 40th Anniversary Celebration.

“This will truly be an exciting event. Our 1st annual event is a fun and fitness activity for individuals and families to Walk For Friendship”, said Nelson Mayer, ANFCA Executive Director. “We’re hoping to make this fundraiser the best ever! All our Friendship Centres will raise awareness of the services our Friendship Centres provide, and improve aboriginal and non-aboriginal relations with the community. The money raised will benefit local youth recreation initiatives.”

The Edmonton “Walk for Friendship” is being coordinated by the ANFCA (provincial office) on behalf of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre (local Edmonton centre).

“The Alberta Centre for Active Living is pleased to support the Alberta Friendship Centres in their first annual Walk For Friendship. It is a very fitting and exciting way to mark the celebration of the ANFCA’s 40th anniversary,” said Judith Down, Executive Director.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: **Percy Page Centre** (11759 Groat Road Northwest)

Fees: **No Registration.** We are collecting pledges only. Pledge sheets can be found on the ANFCA website www.anfca.com or at their office 10336 – 121 Street.

Route Distance: 4 km

- Walk begins at Percy Page Centre.
- Walk East up 118 Ave.
- Cross 118 Avenue and turn North at the 127 Street intersection (*with light-controlled pedestrian cross walk*).

- Walk North on 127 Street to Prince Charles Elementary School (123 Ave & 127 Street). Ninety-five students from Prince Charles Elementary School will lead us in an opening prayer and song before joining us in a walk around the school field.
- All Walkers return to Percy Page Centre for Post-Walk Celebration!

Projected Timeline of Events:

- 1:00 pm: Registration of Participants, Collect Pledges.
- 1:30pm: Begin walk to Prince Charles School
- 2:00 pm: Arrive at School. Student-led ceremony: Prayer and Song
- 2:15pm: Walk around School Field.
- 2:20pm: Closing Remarks with students. Picture.
- 2:25pm: Return to Percy Page Centre.
- 3:00 pm: Closing Remarks at Percy Page. Group Picture, door prizes, snacks/beverages, speeches.
- 3:30pm: End Event.

Partners:

- Canadian Native Friendship Centre (contact Brenda Blyan)
- Alberta Centre for Active Living (contact Rosanne Prinsen)
- Community Walking Project (contact Dianne Gillespie)
- InMotion Network (contact Ella Mayer)
- Prince Charles Elementary School (contact Judy Toews)

Since 1970, the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA) has been the Provincial/Territorial Association office servicing 20 Friendship Centres within the province. The ANFCA was the first such association office to be incorporated in Canada and is a registered non-profit charitable organization.

Working together to make a difference! 

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