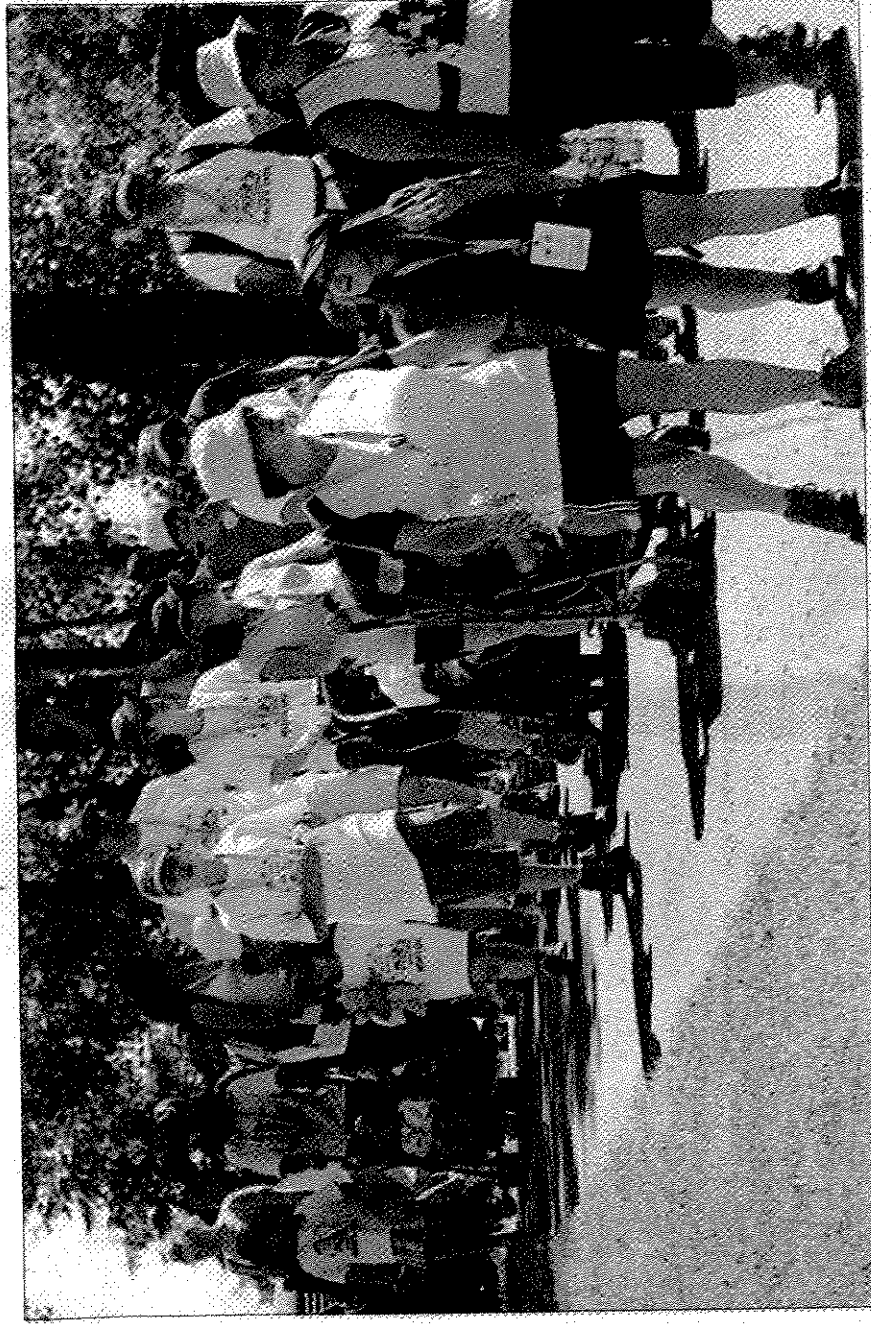


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Participants come from all walks of life

Fundraiser supports diabetes research



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About 2,500 participants joined the local 2009 Telus Walk to Cure Diabetes on June 14 at Laval's Centre de la nature. The event, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's single largest annual fundraiser, raised \$280,000 of its \$410,000 goal.

More than 45,000 Canadians take part in the walk, which last year raised more than \$8 million. The foundation is the leading charitable advocate and funder of research into Type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is a non-preventable autoimmune disease most commonly diagnosed between infancy and one's late 30s. It is the most severe form of diabetes. For more information, visit www.jdrf.ca.

Laura Horowitz and Ali Antolin, who were among the participants in the June 14 walk, have been best friends since Grade 1. In Grade 6, Antolin learned she had Type 1 diabetes.

When they were younger, the two would go door to door collecting money for diabetes research, writes Horowitz, a 20-year-old McGill student. They graduated to barbecues: a fundraising backyard bar-becue organized last year for their friends met its goal of \$500.

This year, Horowitz and Antolin, together with Jessica Walters and Ellis Timerman, organized a larger fundraiser — a coffee-wine-dessert event for 150 held at the Dollard des Ormeaux Civic Centre on May 23.

They found sponsors, got the refreshments and party supplies donated, organized entertainment and a raffle featuring prizes donated by Montreal-area businesses.

The event raised \$3,700 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Two hundred Montreal women — and a few men — who attended a nutrition and wellness program organized by Weizmann Science Canada heard from a panel of experts about the health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables — and enjoyed a healthful lunch featuring some of those foods, including carrots, sweet peppers, cabbage, edamame beans and pomegranate juice.

The June 9 event raised \$20,000 for Weizmann's Women in Science award, an award designed to encourage women to pursue academic careers in science.

Gad Galili, chairman of the

department of plant science at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, and head of its Mel Dobrin Centre for Nutrition, spoke about research under way at the Israeli facility to make fruits and vegetables even more nutritious. Richard Béliveau, who holds the chair in cancer prevention and treatment at the Université du Québec à Montréal and has written three books about diet and cancer prevention, encouraged guests to eat five servings a day of fruits and vegetables — seven if they're over 50. Shawna Goodman-Sone, a Montreal chef and cooking instructor and editor of Panache: Montreal's Flair for Kosher Cooking, spoke about including these healthful foods in our diets.

Program moderator was Joe Schwarcz, director of McGill University's Office for Science and Society; Debra Mavers and Carolé Zuckerman co-chaired the event, held at the Mount Stephen Club.

The eighth annual JSS Medical Research Corporate Volleyball Tournament raised \$130,000 for the Ste. Justine Hospital Foundation; the funds are earmarked for medical equipment for the hospital's intensive care unit.

The event, held June 6 at Vanier College, included 51 teams from representatives of Montreal's corporate community, including: JSS Medical Research, UPS Canada, Vision 2000 Travel Group, Ericsson Canada, Deloitte, Telus, Garda, Bayou Design Studios,

Laurentian Bank, McKesson Canada, KPMG, GE Canada and Q92-Corus Entertainment.

More than 500 people participated, including players, guests, family members, volunteers and supporters. For more information, visit www.gamesforhope.com.

Another event to benefit the Ste. Justine Hospital Foundation, the Grande Party Ferreira, was held June 18 in the laneway near the Ferreira Café restaurant on Peel St. About 250 people attended the fundraising barbecue, held for the second year. With proceeds from the event and oth-

er initiatives during the restaurant's "13 years of generosity" campaign, a cheque for \$75,000 was presented to the foundation.

The sum of \$6,000 was raised at a recent benefit gala in Montreal to increase support and awareness for the Manjari Sankurathri Memorial Foundation, established in

Ottawa in 1989 by Chandrasekhar Sankurathri in loving memory of his wife, Manjari Sankurathri and two children, Srikrishan and Sarada. The three were killed in the bombing of an Air India plane June 23, 1985, off the coast of Ireland.

More than 200 people attended the June 14 benefit, which was organized by Rubina Rangwala and Vijaya Rao Aourpalli. The event included a classical Bharatanatyam, the national dance of India, performed by students of the Nrithyalaya Foundation.

The mandate of the memorial foundation, a registered Canadian charitable organization, is to promote rural community development in India through education and vocational training, health care and emergency relief.

For more information, visit www.msrf.ca.

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THIS WEEK'S CHILD

Siblings like to stick together

A weekend foster home twice a month is being sought for siblings Sue, 11, Tom, 10, and Gary, 8. The ideal match would be a two-parent black or a two-parent Filipino family. The siblings are very attached and would like to stay together.

Sue is very confident, has a good relationship with her peers and is doing well in school. She loves sports and is involved in extracurricular activities in the community.

Caring for Tom can be demanding as he can be defiant and is quick to anger. However, he responds well to clear structure, expectations and consistency.

Gary is affectionate, sensitive and very polite. He is doing well in school and is very competitive. He is well liked by his peers and interacts well with them.

For more information, contact Batshaw Homes for Children at 514-932-7161, Local 1139.

IT'S A DATE

Some items in the It's A Date listing on June 30 had the wrong date. Here is the correct information:

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Super sale, 3 to 7 p.m. at St. Willibrord Church, 325 Willibrord Ave. in Verdun. Also on July 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Book sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pettes Memorial Library, 276 Knowlton Rd. in Knowlton.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Yard sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Thomas Church, 6897 Somerset Ave. in N.D.G.

CONTINUING

Boutique St. George, every Thursday in July, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. George's Church, 1105 Stapley St.

The Ste. Anne Volunteer Foundation operates the following shops for which proceeds are directed to Nova West Island: **Thrift and book shop** at 43 Ste. Anne St. in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Call 514-457-1642; **Thrift shop** at 2750 St. Charles Blvd. in Kirkland. Call 514-697-6692; **Furniture Thrift Shop,** 449 Beaconsfield Blvd. in Beaconsfield. Call 514-694-8417. All shops are open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are welcome.

The next listing will be published July 28. Deadline is July 21. Send submissions to Patricia Wright, c/o The Gazette, 1010 Ste. Catherine St. W., Suite 200, Montreal, Que. H3B 5L1; email pwright@thegazette.canwest.com or send a fax to 514-987-2638.

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