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Countdown: AIDS Walk for Life 2007 – join or support the HEU team

It's the final week to join or pledge a tax-deductible donation to the HEU Team, participating in this year's AIDS WALK for LIFE – held Sunday, September 23 in Vancouver.

Since 2003, the HEU Team, organized by the union's Lesbian and Gay Standing Committee, has raised more than \$6,000 for the BC Persons with AIDS Society (BCPWA) from skydive and walkathon fundraising initiatives.

“The AIDS walk not only raises money for men, women and children living with HIV, but it also raises awareness about the disease,” says HEU's team captain Thom Marshall. “HEU has always been active in supporting community events.”

Last year's AIDS walk brought out about 25 HEU and Provincial Executive members, union staff, family and friends.

Canada has an estimated 55,000 people infected with HIV – approximately 15,000 of those live in B.C.

Proceeds from the walk also benefit other AIDS-serving organizations, including Friends for Life, Vancouver Native Health Society, Positive Women's Network, A Loving Spoonful, and YouthCo AIDS Society.

Due to ongoing SeaWall renovations, the 10 km route has been shortened to a 7 km walk through Stanley Park, or a 2 km walk around the Lost Lagoon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in Upper Ceperley Park (near Second Beach).

If you're interested in joining HEU's AIDS WALK for LIFE 2007 team, please contact Thom Marshall at thommarsh@shaw.ca or 604-488-9678; or visit the BCPWA website <www.bcpwa.org>.

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