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Kidney March sweeps into Calgary from K-Country

Three hundred kidney marchers and crew are wrapping up their 100 km, three-day walk from Millarville through K-Country to Calgary arriving today at Canada Olympic Park (COP). Kidney March is a transformational event designed to raise awareness and funds for kidney disease and organ donation. Marchers and crew will descend the hill into the Festival Tent at 3 pm, thereby completing their 100 km journey with Mayor Naheed Nenshi offering his congratulations.

Participants have traveled from across Canada, hailing from Quebec to British Columbia, and internationally, from the United States and the United Kingdom. No other walk in Canada goes this far, for this long, for this cause, raising awareness and funds for kidney disease prevention, lifesaving research, patient support programs and organ donation initiatives.

This year's goal was \$650,000. To date, Kidney March 2016 has exceeded that goal by \$80,000, raising \$730,000. The amount raised in Kidney March 2016 is \$160,000 more than was raised last year. "This is truly inspiring," says **Joyce Van Deurzen, Executive Director of the Kidney Foundation of Canada, Southern Alberta**. "Kidney March asks Marchers and Crew to do the most they can do for kidney disease and organ donation, and they certainly have."

Newsrooms are welcome to attend the Closing Ceremonies at 2:30 pm today at Canada Olympic Park in the Festival Tent at the corner of Canada Olympic Drive S.W. and Canada Olympic Road S.W.

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