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## **Kidney March swept into Calgary from K-Country raising monumental funds** September 9 – 11, 2022 • 3 days – 100 kilometres – K-Country to Calgary

Over 400 kidney Marchers, Crew, and volunteers wrapped up their 100-kilometre, three-day march from Millarville through K-Country to Calgary arriving at Canada Olympic Park (COP) on Sunday September 11th. Marchers were drawn together because their lives are impacted by kidney disease. Patients, loved ones, doctors, nurses and scientists all participate together side by side, connecting the community and building bonds that go far beyond the event itself. Kidney March is the only event of its kind on Earth and only held in Calgary. Participants traveled to march for this cause from across Canada and internationally. No other walk in the world goes this far, for this long, for this cause, raising awareness and funds for kidney disease prevention, lifesaving research, patient programs and organ donation initiatives.

Marchers and Crew descended the hill as a parade lead by an RCMP and CPS officer into the Winsport, Canada Olympic Park Festival Tent the past Sunday, completing their epic journey into a cheering crowd of family and friends.

This year's goal was \$1,000,000. To date, Kidney March 2022 is knocking at the door of a million and has already raised over \$959,635. Donations are still coming in and will be accepted until the end of October.

"We are thrilled to have incredible support from our community. It 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. Calgary is an absolute worldwide centre of excellence on kidney research so this money makes a huge difference, it's going to change lives," said Van Deurzen.

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