

The Dragonfly Walk



In memory of Kyle Matthew Carhart
In support of Choices Youth Shelter

On October 12, 2014, we lost a son, a brother, a grandson, a nephew, a cousin and a friend. The Dragonfly Walk is a memorial hike in honour of Kyle Matthew Carhart.

This walk was conceived by Kyle's sister Brianna. She shared a post on Facebook stating that instead of moping around on the anniversary of his passing, she was going to celebrate his life by taking a hike and enjoying nature and its beauty as he did. She put out an open invitation for friends and family to join her if they wished.

Brianna's memorial walk was a huge success. Family and friends came together to remember Kyle and enjoy the beauty that is Ontario's Bruce Trail. Following the walk, participants met for a hot meal of chili and buns. Somebody suggested that the event become an annual outing, and someone else added that it could be turned into a fundraiser. The Dragonfly Walk was born!

This year's walk is again in support of the Choices Youth Shelter in Orangeville. Their mission is to be a safe and supportive resource within Dufferin County that offers homeless youth, 16 to 24 years of age, an alternative to living on the street and supports their transition to a more productive and brighter future. More information on the shelter, its history, goals and needs can be found on their website www.choicesyouthshelter.com.

The 2017 Dragonfly Walk will take place on Saturday, October 7th (rain or shine). Brianna has chosen Hoggs Falls to explore. In the interest of conserving energy and reducing lost and misplaced participants, we ask that everyone meet at 701 Cook Crescent, Shelburne by 1:00pm – then we'll carpool to the site.

We are asking participants to take a moment and read about the shelter and its needs. Donations of food and clothing for example can be dropped off directly to the shelter, or brought with you on the day of the walk. Monetary donations can be made online through the shelter's website, either through CanadaHelps.org or PayPal. Follow the links to donate, and remember to tell them that the donation is in memory of Kyle Carhart.

Did we tell you there was going to be a prize awarded to the person who brought in the most money? We're having games, scavenger hunts and other fundraising events too. And food – there will be food!

We hope you can join us on October 7th. See you there!

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