

# WALK FOR LUPUS ONTARIO FACT SHEET

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Every year, Lupus Ontario holds the Walk for Lupus Ontario, our single most important provincial public awareness and fundraising event. This year is the **20th anniversary** of the Walk for Lupus Ontario. It is an opportunity to come together, anytime and anywhere to **raise funds and provide hope** to the millions of people living with lupus.

## HONORARY CHAIRPERSON

We are honoured to have **Dr. Murray Urowitz** as our **Honorary Chairperson for the 2021 Walk**. Dr. Urowitz is Director of the University of Toronto Lupus Clinic, Professor of Medicine, Senior Staff Physician Toronto Western Hospital and Senior Scientist with the Toronto Western Hospital Research Institute. He is a recognized expert on treating lupus and a world-renowned lupus researcher.



## FUNDRAISING



Over the last twenty years, the Walk for Lupus has raised **over a million dollars**. These efforts fund programs and research such as the **Geoff Carr Fellowship**. Since its inception in 1990, we have trained **29 rheumatologists** in one of the five lupus clinics in Ontario that specialize in lupus. The proceeds from the Walk for Lupus fund research, patient support and education programs.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Can your donations make a difference? They certainly can! Since lupus was first identified as a disease in the 1970s, a **lupus patient's rate of survival has improved by almost 85%**! This incredible achievement occurred through the creation of awareness, support programs, the continued efforts to support research and share information; all made possible through the generosity of donors like you.

