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### **HIP HIP HOORAY! Celebrating Restored Mobility**

**CHATHAM-KENT:** On Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, orthopaedic patients and their surgeons will walk together to celebrate their mobility regained through orthopaedic surgery.

Local Orthopaedic Surgeons, Dr. J. Turnbull and Dr. Z. Kukkad, along with nurses and physiotherapists, as well as families and friends, will participate in the short walk that is suitable for all ages.

Dr. Turnbull, Orthopaedic Surgeon, believes *Hip Hip Hooray* is an important force behind improvements in orthopaedic care. "The future of orthopaedics and the well-being of many of our patients lies in research, and *Hip Hip Hooray* plays an important role in supporting that research."

The national *Hip Hip Hooray* walks are the signature fund-raising events of the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation. The walks usually take place at the end of May in communities from Vancouver to Gander. Most importantly, *Hip Hip Hooray* is a celebration of orthopaedic patients' return to mobility. *Hip Hip Hooray* has raised approximately \$18 million since its inception with proceeds supporting orthopaedic research, education and care.

"The walk itself is a symbolic statement of restored mobility and freedom for patients – and patients are what we're all about," stated Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Kukkad.

Anyone may join in the event at the Active Lifestyle Centre by collecting sponsors beforehand and registering on-site. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the walk begins at 11:00 am followed by refreshments and door prizes. For brochures, sponsor sheets, or more information on the *Hip Hip Hooray* walk, call the Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance at (519) 436-2538.

"The Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance enjoys co-ordinating this event every year and we are pleased to share that the proceeds raised locally will go directly towards surgical and out-patient rehabilitation services at Chatham-Kent Health Alliance," stated Michele Grzebien, Executive Director.

Founded in 1965, the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation is a mid-sized registered Canadian charity powered by a professional staff and network of over 500 volunteers. The Foundation is Canada's only charitable organization dedicated solely to helping people maintain and restore their bone and joint – or orthopaedic – health. The Foundation is dedicated to raising funds through public donations and allocating those funds to initiatives that will contribute to realizing its Mission: to achieve excellence in bone and joint health, mobility and function for all Canadians through the advancement of research, education, and care.

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