

# A WALK-A-THON FOR DEAF HISTORY

## WHY WALK?

Walk with us to raise \$5,000 for an Ontario government **historical plaque**. The plaque will be installed on the property of Dundurn Castle, Hamilton, ON, home to the second and last private school for the deaf (1866-1869) before the provincial government opened the publicly-funded school for the deaf in Belleville, ON, in 1870.

## WHO IS THE WALK-A-THON SPONSOR?

The Ontario Deaf Foundation (ODF) ([www.ontariodeaffoundation.com](http://www.ontariodeaffoundation.com)) can be contacted at [info@ontariodeaffoundation.com](mailto:info@ontariodeaffoundation.com).

## WHEN?

September 19 - 25, 2022, is the INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF THE DEAF.

The WALK-A-THON will be held on September 18, 2022 (rain date is September 25, 2022) from 2-5 p.m.

## WHERE?

The WALK-A-THON will start and end at Hamilton Christian Fellowship (HCF), 135 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton, ON.

## DISTANCE TO BE WALKED?

Two walking routes (2.5 km or 5 km) have been planned. Maps will be provided.

## YOUR DONATION?

CRA **does not** permit ODF to issue tax receipts to be issued for donations for this local, historical project, so this is why we are asking for your support. Nevertheless, your contribution can be made through the Ontario Deaf Foundation by e-transfer to [info@ontariodeaffoundation.com](mailto:info@ontariodeaffoundation.com)

## WHY AN HISTORICAL PLAQUE?

- Dundurn Castle was home to the second and last **private** school for the deaf before the provincial government took over the education of deaf children.
- This aspect of Deaf history is unknown to most Ontarians and Hamiltonians.
- ODF and the Hamilton Deaf community want to pay homage to our Deaf history.