

Celebrating 15 years of Walk For Vales and Honouring 150 Years of Canada

A Special Invitation

Human Values Day and Flag Hoisting Ceremony at the Parliament Hill

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the Walk for Values, we are delighted and honored to invite you to the Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Parliament Hill to mark the **Human Values Day**.

Date: April 24, 2017 Venue: Parliament Hill, Position # 3 (top of the stairs), Ottawa Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

"Walk for Values" was first started in Toronto by the students of Sathya Sai School in 2003 viewing the violence, drugs and crime in some streets of Malvern area. It has now become a Canadian National and International Event held in over 60 Cities around the World including Ottawa, Toronto, Kingston, Regina, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Abbotsford, Coquitlam, Fort McMurray and Vancouver.

May 27, 2010 was a historic day when the **Canadian Parliament congratulated** the Sathya Sai School, Canada for their efforts in reinforcing values in Canada and around the World. Hon. Michelle Simson, MP read a Statement by Members of the House of Commons and paid a tribute to the Sathya Sai School for spreading Values and organizing the Walkathon. (Copy attached).

This walkathon is geared to raise the awareness of basic **Human Values** like *Love, Peace, Truth, Right Conduct, Nonviolence* etc. aimed at raising the human consciousness that brings self-transformation. The uniqueness of the event is that *it is not a fundraiser* and each participant pledges to make the community richer by practicing a value of his or her choice. In this way, it is a "walk in unity" aimed at making *Canada, one Canadian at a time*, richer by our commitment to values and our resolve to transform ourselves and the society. We hope that we can work together in this noble cause.

To further spread the positive Canadian Values, we are marking April 24 as **"Human Values Day"** across the world. We have received proclamations from many Cities/Provinces including Toronto and Manitoba declaring April 24 as "Human Values Day" and Values Flags will be raised in many Cities across Canada.

This project is supported by many Community Groups and sponsored by Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) Canada - a spiritual and humanitarian organization serving the community and helping in nation building. Initiated by Sri Sathya Sai Baba, SSIO's mission is to spread love, harmony and conduct selfless community service and values based educational programs. A short video can be viewed at https://youtu.be/YUWP2SBrH1U.

Let us join together to honour "Canada 150" by observing "Human Values Day" and contributing to the uplift of the entire humanity by "World Peace" and "Protecting the Planet". Please confirm to attend.

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