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Walk to Cure Huntington Disease With Peterborough Chapter President

(PETERBOROUGH, ON) May 12, 2017 – Heath Sterling, President of the Peterborough Chapter of the Huntington Society of Canada (HSC), has felt the effects of Huntington disease (HD), a neurological brain disorder that is fatal and incurable. It has been a part of his life for several years. “When I learned that my mom had HD, I was 20 years old and just heading out the door to university. It was a big shock to our family because we really had no idea that Huntington disease was in our family,” he recalls. But Sterling chose to take a stand rather than letting the disease destroy his family. “My natural instinct was to just get as involved as I can. I’ve helped with fundraising and Chapter events, served on the national board of directors and I’ve been involved in different research studies.”

Join Sterling and the Peterborough Chapter on May 27 for the *Peterborough Walk to Cure presented by ServiceMaster*. This is the 11th year of this annual event and it supports families just like Sterling’s that are impacted by Huntington disease through family services and cutting-edge research. The Chapter would like to thank TheWolf, Chex Peterborough, Fresh Radio, Baker and Cole Barristers and Solicitors and Boyle Heating, Cooling and Plumbing for their support.

What? Walk to Cure Huntington Disease Presented by ServiceMaster
When? Saturday, May 27, 2017, Registration at 9am, Walk at 10am, Party in the Park at 11am
Where? Peterborough City Hall to Millennium Park
Details: For more information and to register, visit www.hscevents.ca/PTBOWalk

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Huntington disease (HD) is a debilitating brain disorder that is fatal and incurable. About one in every 7,000 Canadians has HD and approximately one in every 5,500 is at-risk of developing the disease. Many more are touched by HD whether as a caregiver, a family member, or a friend. Huntington disease is often described as having the symptoms of Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and ALS – simultaneously. As the disease progresses, a person with Huntington’s become less able to manage movements, recall events, make decisions and control emotions. The disease leads to incapacitation and, eventually, death.

The **Huntington Society of Canada (HSC)** is a respected leader in the worldwide effort to find a meaningful treatment for Huntington disease. HSC is the only Canadian health charity dedicated to providing help and hope for families dealing with Huntington disease across Canada.

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