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Dear Friends,

The weather was perfect yesterday for a walk down Yonge St from Lawrence to Eglinton for the 40-50 in attendance at yesterday's walk to raise funds for NeurEndocrine Cancer Research.

There was sadness because several of us were recently bereaved, and in the case of Manny Rego's family and friends about 20 people joined us and most wore our CNETS Canada t-shirts. Jim Kormos and daughter Christine Kormos were in attendance, plus some family and friends, all remembering Barbara And Carol Brook who had lost husband Steve early in the summer had an extensive visit with those of us who stayed behind. We also shared about Brenda Keleher, whose funeral was the day before the walk, which was described by those of us who attended, as very beautiful. Brenda had an honour guard of many in the Correctional Services, where she had worked, who came to pay their respects. A little know fact, for those in our group, is that Brenda was an expert sharpshooter.

But the mood was also upbeat, and many conversations took place that were helpful. All of us were videotaped at the start of the walk, for the www.netcancerday.org world site and the CNETS Canada site www.cnetscanada.org by Joe Telheiro. Many thanks to Joe, who is the partner of Jackie Herman.

Our job was to shout out, "But NETs typically metastasize to the liver lymph nodes, lungs, and bones.

Walkers on other walks were to shout out one of the other NET descriptors that were on the statement sheet, attached here and the end result will be a 2 minute Canadian video that will be part of the world NET Cancer Day video to be released on or close to November 10, NET Cancer Day.

The mood may have become upbeat, but the message is a very serious one, which is that not only are we the fastest growing cancer community worldwide but we desperately need the best possible research to ensure better diagnosis and treatment going forward..And no one else does it. The Canadian Cancer Society does research but not on our cancer.

About \$2,500.00 was donated yesterday at the walk, for which tax receipts were issued on the spot by Karen Found and Janine Poon, and \$450.00 of merchandise was sold. Much of the \$2,500.00 was donated by the Rego family.

Many heartfelt thanks are due to many individuals, who either donated online, by cheque, or at the event.

Several of us created a Giving Page, namely Heather Finley, Jackie Herman, Holly Neil, and Vanessa Mann in Hamilton. Between them, they raised between \$11,000 and \$12,000 through their Giving pages..

We also have the Golden Triangle Giving Page which has started creeping up. Keep an eye on that over the next week.

We will have a close to final total in a short while. Some of the Giving Pages will be available for donations till the end of the year.

It was great to see visitors from farther away such as Heather Gowanlock and her friend and her daughter. And we appreciated meeting new people to our group such as Linda Fox who some of us had been in contact with but had not met.

Soon Jackie Herman will be in touch with our group in regard to the next meeting.

Warmest regards,.

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