

THANK YOU for helping to make our Heart & Stroke Hoops for Heart event a success!

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This year, approximately 350 students at Markham District High School participated in Heart & Stroke Hoops for Heart, in the form of a 'Students vs. Teachers' Buy-Out event. Together, we raised over \$1,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation – thanks to your support!

Your donation of four Toronto Raptors tickets really helped to fill the stands at our event, and created an excitement and buzz that was contagious. Your donation help make our event fun!

This event provided participants with the opportunity to enjoy a day of physical activity, health awareness, fun and fundraising. The class that organized the event put a huge amount of effort into making the event a fun day that creates health awareness and brings the community together.

The Foundation is working to reduce the risks of heart disease and stroke in Canada. Using genetics, our researchers are finding ways to predict risk factors that lead to heart disease and stroke. Some even predict that within 5-10 years we could have new preventive therapy for those who are at increased risk - helping our children and grandchildren live longer, healthier lives.

In addition to raising funds to support the organizations' mission and research, Hoops for Heart encourages the students to embrace a lifetime of healthy living and social responsibility.

As you can see, great things continue to happen when we put our hearts into it. Again, we thank you for your kind support and we look forward to telling you more about the latest medical advancements in the near future.

A *'heartfelt'* thank you,



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