

## News Summer 2021



**Walk for Scleroderma Manitoba**  
**Thanks to tremendous support,**  
**we more than doubled our**  
**distance and fundraising goals**  
**for the 7th Annual Walk for**  
**Scleroderma!** Volunteers from  
across the province walked,  
cycled, and ran for a total of  
more than **5050 kms** and raised  
over **\$23,400!**

**Why is this fundraiser important?** The  
funds raised by the Walk allows  
Scleroderma Manitoba to contribute  
directly and indirectly to patient well-  
being by:

- **providing support services** to  
scleroderma patients;
- **funding research projects** locally and  
across Canada, aimed at better  
understanding the disease and ultimately  
developing a cure for scleroderma;
- **developing information tools** for the  
scleroderma community in Manitoba.

### **Support in Your Community**

Our patient support group meets monthly  
offering the scleroderma community a  
peer-to-peer forum to share information  
and answer questions. A Speakers  
Program brings expert information from  
the health professionals on scleroderma-  
related topics. Meetings are held on  
Zoom with phone access available.  
For more information contact Jereleen at  
[jbrydon@shaw.ca](mailto:jbrydon@shaw.ca) call **204 256-0225**.

### **Other Donations of Note**

Scleroderma Manitoba has been fortunate to  
receive several donations from other sources:  
Patricia Garrod donated a Winnipeg Foundation  
Centennial River Trail grant from a winning trail  
selfie and the Manitoba Government  
Employees All Charities Committee directed a  
donation to Scleroderma Manitoba as well.  
These 'windfall' donations are always a  
welcome surprise. If your company has an all-  
charities committee, we can provide an  
information package to introduce Scleroderma  
Manitoba. We would love it if you follow  
Patricia's example choosing Scleroderma  
Manitoba as your "charity of choice" to receive  
your award, or winnings when you enter a  
contest of this sort!

### **WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUTEERS!**



Helen Goerzen is retiring from  
the Scleroderma Manitoba  
Board of Directors after many  
years of service in several board  
positions. Helen will remain a  
valuable member of our  
Scleroderma Community.  
Thank you, Helen.

Scleroderma Manitoba welcomes a new  
volunteer, **Jennifer Clarke** whose creative work  
on the web has given it a new look.  
Our **Education Team** is looking for volunteers to  
work with our **Support Group Team** to help  
plan speakers and programs for the upcoming  
year. Interested or know someone who might  
fit the bill- contact Jo-Ann at  
[sclerodermamb@gmail.com](mailto:sclerodermamb@gmail.com)

**Scleroderma Manitoba Annual General Meeting and Support Group**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am Register at <https://bit.ly/2SNyxqA>**  
**Next Support Group: Nov. 20 webinar "Scleroderma can be hard to swallow."**  
**With Dr. Ada Mann and Matthew Woo**