

## A.R.S. "Roubina" Chapter Walkathon in Toronto



The A.R.S. Toronto "Roubina Chapter's annual walkathon took place on Sunday June 3, 2012. This year's "Healthy Children, Bright Futures" campaign helped raise funds to support the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children and the A.R.S. Sosse Kindergarten Program in Artsakh.

Participants challenged all threats of forecasted thunderstorms and determinedly tied up their walking shoes, dawned their green T-shirts (especially printed for the event) and their defiant spirits to walk the 7.5 km route. Our resolution seems to have persuaded God to open up the skies and bless the event with sunshine and warmth...



After a group photo under the dual banners of the A.R.S. and "Healthy Children, Bright Futures 2012", the walk began amidst a lot of fanfare. There were about 90 participants in all, ranging in ages from 6 years to our more senior members, joining us from the ranks of the Armenian Community Centre Seniors' Organization. Young and old, men and women, boys and girls walked together for our children.

Along the way, the Sarkissian family provided us with welcome refreshment to hydrate the fatigued walkers on their journey.

Upon our return to the A.Y.C., the participants enjoyed lunch and together celebrated the day's accomplishments. The day's events were captured by Roubina Keoushkerian and are attached here for your viewing.

Together we raised over \$10,000.00 to support the "Healthy Children, Bright Futures" walkathon! On behalf of the children, here and in Artsakh, and the walkathon committee, we sincerely thank each participant, supporter, and corporate sponsor for joining us to make this a successful event. Together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish!



