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EDMONTON JOINS WORLD PARTNERSHIP WALK TO FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY

EDMONTON, June 2, 2011 – Edmonton will join cities across Canada in the 27th World Partnership Walk to increase awareness and raise funds to help fight global poverty.

An initiative of Aga Khan Foundation Canada, the Walk attracts tens of thousands of Canadians united in a common effort to bring hope and renewal to poor communities. All funds raised (100%) go directly to international development programs.

This year, the Walk is expected to involve up to 60,000 donors, sponsors and walkers as well as some 900 corporate teams and supporters in Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, London, Montréal, Calgary, Saskatoon, Kitchener-Waterloo and Ottawa.

Since its inception, the Walk has raised more than \$60 million; last year \$6.7 million was collected to enhance the quality of education, improve healthcare, increase rural incomes and build the capacity of community organizations in Asia and Africa.

“For more than 25 years, our participants, volunteers and donors have made a significant contribution to the fight against poverty,” said Shafin Kanji, Convenor for the World Partnership Walk in Edmonton. “The Walk is a tangible way for Canadians to create opportunities for the poor of the world to reach their full potential as human beings and to live in hope and dignity.”

The World Partnership Walk provides an experience that is both meaningful and fun for the whole family through activities that inform, educate, celebrate and entertain.

World Partnership Walk participants can join as individuals or on a team. Registration can be done securely and easily online by visiting www.worldpartnershipwalk.com or by calling 1-800-267-2532.

Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC) is a non-denominational registered Canadian charity with more than 30 years of experience in finding and sharing effective and lasting solutions to the challenges of global poverty. AKFC programs target the root causes of poverty, focusing on four core areas—health, education, rural development and strengthening community organizations. Gender equity and protecting the environment are integrated into every initiative. AKFC currently supports more than 30 initiatives in a dozen countries.

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Opportunities for photo:

- 9am VIP Breakfast with Ambassadors, Corporate Donors, and Local Dignitaries
- 9am Global Village Tent
- 10:45am Speeches by Convenor Shafin Kanji and Guest of Honor Dr. Carl Amrhein (Provost, U of A), etc.
- 11:00am Warm Up on Stage
- 11:10am Ribbon-cutting ceremony & start of walk
- 12:10pm Lululemon cool down yoga break

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