

# Organizers hoping to raise \$2.1 million

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gans and, more importantly, honours the strength and determination of women living with ovarian cancer.

"You know it's always going to take you down," says Barbara, who had a recurrence of the disease three years ago.

The husband and wife team offer support for one-and-other on this "journey" they have embarked on since Barbara was diagnosed. John also has health concerns after being diagnosed with melanoma.

The Flemings say Oakville MP John Oliver has also been a tremendous supporter for ovarian cancer, as well as Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring.

Oliver, who participates in the Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope, also supported a private member's bill to prevent genetic discrimination to protect employees from being required to undergo or to disclose the results of a genetic test, and provides employees with other protections related to genetic testing

and test results.

Unfortunately, survival rates for women with ovarian cancer have not improved in 50 years, with only 44 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer living five years beyond their diagnosis, according to Ovarian Cancer Canada.

The Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope, established in 2002, raises money to support women and their families living with the disease and increase awareness among the general public and health care professionals.

The walk also raises money for detection techniques, improved treatments and ultimately a cure.

Since 2002, the walk has raised more than \$23 million. This year, organizers are hoping to raise \$2.1 million. Walks are planned throughout the country, including 14 walks in Ontario.

The Burlington/Oakville walk takes place in Nelson Park. To register, visit [www.ovariancanada.org](http://www.ovariancanada.org).

# Donations needed for annual coat drive

The Bronte Village Stakeholders are gearing up for the sixth Annual Coat Drive and Give-away Event on Sept. 9-16 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Dominic Church, Rebecca and Jones streets.

Organizers are asking residents to look in their closets and find gently-used and clean winter coats for children, youth and adults to

donate to those in need.

More than 700 coats and jackets were distributed at last year's event.

For people who don't have time to come to the event, you can drop off your donations at the Bronte Fire Station in the box in the front lobby any time until Oct. 13.

The coats will be distributed on Oct. 14.

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