

Man's cross-Canada walk raises awareness of youth homelessness

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Former homeless youth-turned-CEO Joe Roberts pushes his cart into Kingston, Ont. on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016 during his cross-country walk to highlight the problem of youth homelessness. His Push for Change initiative started in Newfoundland on May 1, 2016 and he expects to end it in Vancouver on Sept. 30, 2017. He arrives in Peterborough Sunday. Michael Lea The Whig-Standard

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Joe Roberts, who was homeless as a youth but went on to become a company CEO, pushed his shopping cart into

Kingston Thursday afternoon on the local leg of his Push For Change cross-country walk.

He started out in Newfoundland on May 1 and expects to keep walking until he reaches Vancouver on Sept. 30 of next year.

It is all to raise more awareness of the cause of youth homelessness.

Accompanied by a police escort, he walked along Highway 15 and down the Barriefield Hill for a small reception before heading to City Hall and an arrival ceremony.

On Friday he is scheduled to share his story with students at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School in the morning before attending a community luncheon. Later in the day he will tour local agencies that work with homeless youth in the Kingston area.

His stay in Kingston is being co-ordinated by the United Way.

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