## The Push for Change is Coming to a City Near You!

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The Push for Change (PFC), a national movement to raise awareness and funds to prevent youth homelessness, continues and may be coming to a city near you!

Joe Roberts, former homeless youth turned successful entrepreneur, is "paying it forward" by pushing a shopping cart 9100 km across Canada over 517 days and participating in over 400 community and school events. The trek began in St. John's Newfoundland on May 1, 2016 and will end in Vancouver, BC on September 30, 2017.

Front-line agencies and service providers will benefit by teaming up with PFC and hosting an event or "Walk with Joe". As of today, PFC has engaged at over 270 events, raising more than \$425,000 and bringing awareness of youth homelessness to Canadians consciousness. Check out current and past news coverage here.

PFC engaged in various events in Sault Ste Marie in February and just received this email from a planning committee member:

I got a call from a local company that was looking to make Pauline's Place (our youth shelter) the recipient of the funds they generate from a charity golf tournament every year. They said that they had no idea that youth homelessness was such a huge issue and because of the Push for Change

events here in Sault Ste. Marie their eyes have been opened and they would like to help. Their goal is to raise an additional \$15,000 and they have asked for our police service to partner with them for the tournament.

## -Cst. Sonny Spina, Sault Ste Marie Police

Interested in engaging with PFC at an upcoming event in your community? Contact Marie Roberts, Campaign Director marie@thepushforchange.com for more information.