

Librarians Run for the Cure

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The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation [CIBC Run for the Cure](#) is Canada's largest single day, volunteer-led fundraising event dedicated to raising funds for breast cancer research, education, and awareness programs.

On October 5th, 2008, 55 communities and 170,000 Canadians participated in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure. Together, the year's event raised a record-setting \$28.5 million for breast cancer research, and education and awareness programs.

For 2008, the national **Librarians Run for the Cure Team** had 177 members participating at 18 run sites across Canada. With \$29,282 raised in 2008, this national team met the 5-year fundraising goal of \$100,000 with a grand total of \$101,262. The Ottawa-Gatineau team was the largest with 22 members and the Edmonton team had the highest fundraising at \$8029.

In my fifth year participating in this event, I ran the whole course of 5 km with ease. What I found most inspiring were a couple of men. One young man wore a fusion pink colour floor-length gown (the last foot of the gown was pinned back) with a matching feathery pink wreath on his head. As he zoomed past me, a trio of young women gushed, "Oh, someone's prom gown!" They cheered him on loudly. I followed behind a very tall and bulky middle-aged man for most of the journey. He was wearing a light pink t-shirt with a pair of dark pink shorts. Who says pink is the colour for women? On this day, pink looks great on any man! It is the colour of beauty, pride and determination. It is the colour that unites us – together we will make a future without breast cancer.



Join us at next year's Run on **Sunday, October 4, 2009**. You can walk, jog, or roller-skate with families, friends and colleagues. You can volunteer, donate, or sponsor someone else to participate on your behalf. Get involved and you will be inspired, too.

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