

**FIREFIGHTER  STAIRCLIMB  
CHALLENGE**

MEDIA ADVISORY

## **Calgary's Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge Raises Over \$125,000 for Cancer Support Centre**

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### **WHAT:**

- Sunday, May 3, marked the debut of the Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge in Calgary
- 220 heroic firefighters from across North America made the 775-foot climb to the top of western Canada's tallest building, THE BOW, in full firefighter duty gear
- Over \$125,000 has been raised for cancer support centre, Wellspring Calgary. Donations are open until May 31.
- Fastest time: 11 minutes, 43 seconds

### **WHO:**

- Hosted by the Calgary Firefighters Benevolent Fund in partnership with Encana and the Calgary Fire Department
- Charity of choice: Wellspring Calgary
- US Marine Corps Marching Band from New Orleans joined our CFD Honour Guard to lead the parade with Mayor Nenshi and other dignitaries

### **WHY:**

- The Calgary Firefighters Benevolent Fund's (CFBF) purpose is to provide assistance to firefighters and their families when they experience health related issues
- Since cancer is a prevalent occupational hazard of the firefighter's job, the CFBF is pleased to support Wellspring Calgary through this event, with the generous support and involvement of the Calgary Fire Department and Encana Corporation
- Wellspring Calgary provides programs, resources and support to people living with cancer along with their families and caregivers
- "Funds raised from the inaugural Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge will be instrumental in our efforts to reach more citizens who are seeking our support throughout southern Alberta, as we also grow our response to the firefighting community. We are exceptionally thankful to all of our partners associated with this great event, and in particular the men and women in the firefighting community who are our heroes every day and whose efforts through the Stairclimb Challenge will have a significant and

positive impact on those living cancer and those who love them.” –Patti Morris,  
Executive Director of Wellspring Calgary.

To learn more about the Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge, please  
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Wellspring Calgary provides a comprehensive range of support, resources and programs to anyone living with cancer. All of the programs, services and resources are offered free of charge and without referral. Wellspring Calgary's exists so that no one has to face cancer alone.