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RCMP Pipe Band  
National Capital region

**RE: 2013 Ottawa-Gatineau Walk for ALS – June 15, 2013**

Dear Gilbert,

I would like to sincerely thank the RCMP Pipe Band for performing at the 2013 Ottawa-Gatineau Walk for ALS. We have been blessed over the last couple of years to have the Pipe Band pipe out our walkers. The pipers provide a majestic and powerful start to our walk. We receive many positive comments from ALS clients and families who are moved by the pipers performance and the piping out of the walkers. Your support for our walk and our ALS families is much appreciated by ALS Canada and the overall ALS community in the Champlain region.

The 2013 Ottawa-Gatineau walk was very successful with over an estimated 1,100 walkers coming out to support the ALS community. Our walkers, friends and family members have currently raised over \$150,000, exceeding this year's goal.

The walks across Ontario are our primary source of fund raising throughout the year. Funds are raised to support our client services, including a medical equipment loan program as well as funding much needed research studies into a cure for ALS.

ALS Canada supports 900 clients across the province, many of whom require 100% subsidy for their equipment needs. People with ALS require a large amount of equipment over a relatively short time period. The availability of appropriate equipment and assistive devices is essential for maintaining the safety, comfort and independence of the person living with ALS. It is a startling fact that, over the course of our client's life, they require access to \$146,000 in equipment. Funds raised at the walks across Ontario also support our ongoing research studies. Your contribution assists us in helping those families in need and funding research into a cure for ALS.

Until a cure is found, our vision is a world where persons living with ALS live with dignity and choice.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support. If you ever have any questions regarding how we support our ALS clients, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your support for our walk is greatly appreciated

Sincerely,

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