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At RBC Race for the Kids, runners and walkers of all ages and abilities will participate in either a scenic 5k route or a 2k fun run, followed by a carnival celebration with healthy snacks and activities for the whole family.

Since it began in 1986, BC Children's Hospital Foundation's signature running event has raised over \$12 million for childhood cancer research and treatment at the hospital. As of last year, funds raised have also gone toward youth mental health initiatives.

We're calling on everyone to join the fun — whether on your own or on a team with your family, colleagues or classmates. Together, we can reach this year's goal of \$1 million to help kids across the province.



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	RUN AMBASSADOR**	EARLY BIRD (UNTIL APR 12)	REGULAR (UNTIL MAY 22)	LAST MINUTE (UNTIL 8:30AM ON RUN DAY)
YOUTH*	\$0	\$20	\$25	\$30
ADULT	\$0	\$30	\$35	\$40

*17 years & younger

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Join as an individual runner,
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WILL HEINE

2017 CHAMPION

Will's parents considered him an exceptionally healthy teenager — until spring of 2015 when doctors diagnosed him with acute myeloid leukemia. Their whole world shattered in that moment.



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Immediately admitted to BC Children's Hospital, Will began treatment so aggressive that he spent six days in the intensive care unit, on dialysis, to avoid the risk of cardiac arrest.

"We were prepared to fight, and we all knew that Will could beat it, yet here he was in the ICU. He was sedated, intubated and on dialysis. Modern medicine was keeping our son alive when only last week he had been outside playing," says his mother, Donna.

Will spent the next five months under protective isolation and lost 45 pounds, or 25 per cent of his body mass, during his treatment.

"Home was not home without Will. When I was home, I just wanted to go back to the hospital and be with him."

Despite all the complications Will experienced, Donna says he was actually sad to leave the hospital because he was going to miss the nurses so much.

"They are more than just health care professionals; they are your friends," says Donna. "When Will is healthy he is the happiest, most loving and caring person that you could meet."

Will's friends and family have rallied together to honour his strength and will be taking part in RBC Race for the Kids. Mark your calendars for June 4, 2017 and join Will in support of oncology programs and youth mental health initiatives.

"Children's Hospital has given him back the gift of life and we will all treasure this gift."

- Donna Heine, Will's mother

