

Dignitas Youth's Race for Dignity – Frequently Asked Questions

1) How can donations be made?

- Securely online via credit card.
- Directly to participants by cheque (payable to Dignitas International), cash or credit card (with expiry date and signature). We ask participants to enter all offline donations on their personal fundraising web page to reduce administrative costs and time.

2) Am I eligible for a tax receipt?

- All donations of \$15.00 or greater will be issued a tax receipt.
- If you donate to Dignitas International through your own personal fundraising page, you will still receive a tax receipt.
- Ensure you collect your sponsors contact information so that a tax receipt can be issued. Email addresses will be kept confidential and allow for reduced administrative cost through e-tax receipts.
- All tax receipts will be issued in the days following the event.

3) Do I have to be on a team to participate?

- No. Although we encourage people to compete in teams and complete the entire spin-a-thon in "shifts" (similar to a relay), individuals can sign up to spin for any given time frame.

4) What are the Team Captain's responsibilities?

- Set up your team web page by following the simple steps outlined when you register.
- Recruit team members and encourage active fundraising.
- Schedule your Team Members on your team's spin bike for the duration of your designated spin time.

5) Do I have to spin for the entire length of the event?

- No. Contact your Dignitas Youth Chapter to determine the minimum spin time permitted at your event.

6) What happens to the money I raise?

- All proceeds from the Race for Dignity Challenge go to Dignitas International's medical humanitarian work.
- More people will be able to access HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention and care services.
- More people and communities will survive the pandemic.
- We strive to keep our administration costs down so that more funds affect people's

lives. We do this in a number of ways, including:

- i. Community-Based Care – Dignitas International’s model is designed to be sustainable and cost-effective because it is community-based. We do not send over a legion of medical personnel; instead we organize, support and train people within the community and link them with the formal health care system to build capacity.
- ii. Domestic volunteers – without people from our community helping, fundraising events like this could not happen.
- iii. Overseas volunteers – without home-based volunteers tending to people in their communities an effective response would not be possible.
- iv. Using new technologies – like online fundraising, which increases capacity while greatly reducing administrative time.

7) How is Dignitas Youth’s Race for Dignity difference from the Race for Dignity Challenge held in Dundas Square (Toronto) in the summer?

- The Race for Dignity was created by students at the University of Toronto after hearing Scott Simpson’s story (link to R4D page with story) and has since expanded to be held at campuses across Canada. This grassroots event has been such a huge success that Dignitas International has adopted the Race for Dignity as their flagship fundraising event, coined the Race for Dignity Challenge. The Challenge takes place in Toronto each summer, while the Dignitas Youth Chapters continue to hold the original student-led events on campus and in their communities.