

Aunti Bobbi "Walk for the Arts" Sunday, March 9, 2008 Maffeo Sutton Park

Kids of all ages are invited to join Aunti Bobbi for a fun filled walk to raise money in support of the *Vancouver Island International Children's Festival-2007 City of Nanaimo Excellence in Culture Award Recipient*

Children and their families are encouraged to collect pledges to help Aunti Bobbi support the Festival, now in its 9th year presenting performers from around the world at the premier cultural event for families on Vancouver Island annually in May.

Get Fit its Fun!!!

Aunti Bobbi believes that "Part of a healthy body, is a healthy mind... introducing youth to LIVE arts creates a healthy mind"

The festival is presented by the Vancouver Island Arts Festivals Society, a non-profit charitable organization whose goal is to **provide arts and cultural education** through entertainment. The Festival helps teach children about life in other lands and also reflects the multicultural makeup of Canadian society. Where children are exposed to other cultural expressions, their understanding, tolerance and acceptance follows.

The mission is to encourage young people to develop their interest and appreciation of worldwide arts and cultural influences and to offer them life-long learning experiences through performances on stage, entertainment on the sites, and interactive workshops that provide a hands-on learning environment.

Registration begins at 10:00 am at Maffeo Sutton Park ~ Children and their families are invited to walk with Aunti Bobbi or walk on their own.

10:00 am - registration

10:50 am - Stretch and warm up

11:00 am - Walk with Aunti Bobbi "5000 Step-a-lot-a-meter steps"

12:00 pm - Prizes and pledge awards

Pledges will be collected from 10:00 - 12:00 at the information and registration tent or in advance by phoning (250) 751 -1066.

Pledge forms and information on-line at: www.auntibobbi.com and www.childrensfestival.com or contact Aunti Bobbi at (250) 751-1066 or the Children's Festival at (250)754-3378

Thank you for your support and see you at the walk.