

by Barbara Baer Pillay

Between Mufty Mathewson as Fundraising Chair and Gioia Sallustio-Jarvis as Marketing Chair, NABIS' 25th Anniversary year is shaping up to be a very special one, indeed. As Mufty and Gioia are both caregivers, they understand so well how important it is that the help that NABIS offers is well publicized throughout the communities we serve. It is with this intention that we are planning for an extra special promotional push with every public event we hold in 2008. Staffer, Mary Pfeffer, is already hard at work on promoting the largest NABIS team ever to take part in the Great Human Race on Saturday, May 3rd. Following closely on the heels of that great event is Edson's Big Breakfast, Thursday, May 8th, featuring brain injury survivor, Michael Borowski, and his NFB documentary about his life called *the Dog Walker*. The 17th Annual Brain Injury Awareness Week Kick-Off Breakfast is being held on Friday, May 23rd at the Westin Hotel in downtown Edmonton. Brain Injury Awareness Week happens between June 1 – 7; watch for special activities planned for that week as well. Edson gets into the fund and fun raising act again on Saturday, October 4th with their Comedy Night featuring Camille Jones, a survivor of brain injury. Then co-chairs Fran Zinger and Gail Matazow, along with the committee, are planning the 25th Anniversary Gala at the Coast Terrace Inn, for Saturday, October 25th with special guest, Senator Claudette Tardif and other special guests to be announced. As you can see, there is an event for every-

one and every budget. We would love to have you join us at any or all events during this very special year – and Ginny has promised to come too!

**NABIS' 17th
Brain Injury Awareness Week
Kick-off
BREAKFAST**

**Westin Hotel, Edmonton
at 7:00 am Friday, May 23**

*Featuring Doug Rankmore
Executive Director*

BrainTrust Canada

Come see the future! And celebrate the past. Doug's work on a national campaign to put the spotlight on brain injury and its prevention, is not to be missed!

Tickets \$40 each or table of 10 - \$360

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G H Race - Churchill Square - Sat. May 3rd

The Great Human Race is an Edmonton community event that is designed to strengthen the capacity of the non-profit sector. This race is also designed to encourage volunteerism and citizenship. Would you be willing to support NABIS by

taking part in the Great Human Race? Would you be interested in entering a team of walkers/runners and collecting pledges on behalf of NABIS for the Great Human Race? NABIS will pay your registration fee and purchase you a T-shirt (anyone over the age of 13 years of age.) Please come out and participate in the annual 5 km walk or the 10 km run. Last year we had 66 registered participants and as a group we raised over \$8,000. We will be meeting at our NABIS table at the Agency Fair Booth @ 9:15am Sharp. At 9:30 am we will take the NABIS Team Group Photo. New to the event this year is a Community Parade. NABIS truly appreciates your considering this request. Thank you. Mary Pfeffer, NABIS Office Coordinator.

For info call **Mary** at **479-1757** or e-mail mary@abihelp.org prior to April 11.