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MitoCanada – Guinness World Record achieved at Calgary Marathon!

10 Team MitoCanada members set a Guinness Book World Record yesterday by running the Calgary Marathon in **2:55:23**, linked together with a rope!! “These guys exerted their mitochondria to the max for all the mito sufferers who can only dream of participating in sport,” says Vicky Spadoni, Executive Director

The team was comprised of running friends Blaine Penny, Jeremy Deere, Jody Draude, Aaron Swanson, Scott Jensen, Ryan Twa, Darcy Bell, Nick Haddow, Duncan Marsden, and Myron Tetrault. “It was amazing. I’ve got a group of friends that would carry me to the end of the earth, they’re amazing and we did it!” says Blaine.

Blaine Penny and his family are well known amongst the running groups in Calgary, but MitoCanada is and has been a high priority for both Blaine and Sarah. Their son Evan became a quadriplegic from Mitochondrial Disease 4 years ago. Blaine serves as the President of the Board.

“I can’t believe the support we’ve gotten, the event has raised so far an astonishing \$103,600,” says Penny. “Thank you to all the supporters across the country that helped to fundraise for Mitochondrial Disease, which in turn will support Canadian Research in finding improved treatments and move towards a cure and assist MitoCanada in its’ mission,” says Spadoni.

The attached photo shows the team of 10 prior to the race. The team members in the photo are as follows:

Left to Right: Blaine Penny, Jeremy Deere, Nick Haddow, Jody Draude, Myron Tetrault, Aaron Swanson, Ryan Twa, Darcy Bell, Duncan Marsden, Scott Jensen.

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