



## A Walk For Life 2009



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### ASSISTING CANCER SUFFERERS WHO REQUIRE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL CARE

*Coastweek --* What a celebration it was for the inaugural A Walk for Life 2009, organised by the Aga Khan Council for Mombasa, created with the aim of assisting cancer sufferers who require financial support for medical care.

This prestigious event was held on Sunday 29 November 2009 at Butterfly Pavilion, Forest trails, Bamburi.



**Coastweek -- Looking on [from left] President of the Aga Khan Council Mrs Narmin Hanif Somji, Michelle Hoareau representing Freight Forwarders, Kanubhai Babla seen cutting the ribbon, Joseph Mathai General Manager of Diamond trust coast region.**

Citizens from all over Mombasa, ranging from the youth to the aged, from various communities and backgrounds, all came together with one mind; one heart; one goal; and yes, two feet, to make this event a huge success.

Proceeds will be channeled through various organizations, such as Aga Khan Hospital Breast Cancer awareness group, PACK (Positive Action Committee for Kids) and other deserving organization related to this cause.



**Coastweek -- The crowd all waiting to start the walk.**

The walk was preceded by the Aga Khan Band, who played the National Anthem and entertained the crowd.

The President of the Aga Khan Council for Mombasa, Mrs. Narmin Somji, emphasised the need to assist those suffering from this disease, and noted that programmes such as this could play a part in doing this.



A minute's silence was observed in remembrance for all those who had lost their lives to cancer.

The walk was opened with the official ribbon cutting ceremony by Mr. Kanubhai Babla, Michelle Hoareau representing Freight Forwarders, and Mr. Joseph Mathai, General Manager of Diamond Trust Bank Coast region, all generous donors and supporters of the event.

**Coastweek -- The 5 km walk begins led by resident of the Aga Khan Council Mrs. Narmin Hanif Somji, Kanubhai Babla and General Manager of Diamond trust coast region Joseph Mathai.**

Hundreds of walkers then began their 5 kilometer walk in the quiet, pristine park.

The attendance was close to 800 participants with over 600 people completing the walk, while others simply attended to give their support and enjoy a fun day out with their families and friends.



**Coastweek -- Hundreds of walkers begin the 5 kilometer walk in the pristin park of Butterfly pavilion, Forest Trails, Bamburi, for a noble cause of assisting cancer sufferers.**

Water for drinking throughout the event was donated by AQUELLE.

As initiators of change and awareness, students of all ages from various schools in Mombasa played a vast role in the collection of funds, including: Aga Khan High and Nursery Schools, Braeburn, The Mombasa Academy, Loreto Convent, Little Star, Light Academy, Al Madrassa, Brainsworth, Jaffery Academy, Elite Academy, MSB Educational Institute, Small and Smart, and The Aga Khan Academy, which saw the highest participation of students, along with the highest funds collected for a very impressive total of Ksh 413,982/-.

To appreciate the outstanding performance by their students, the heads of The Aga Khan Academy were presented with a crystal trophy as a memento.



**Coastweek -- Kanubhai Babla and Eliza Alarakha presenting trophy to the heads of The Aga Khan Academy for outstanding performance by the children.**

Trophies were also presented to children who collected the most donations: Hafsa Parpia (age 17) from The Aga Khan Academy raised Ksh 30,850/-.

Fatima Sugra Shura (age 10) from MSB Educational Institute raised Ksh 26,700/-.

Priya Sandu (age 9) from The Aga Khan Academy raised Ksh 19,700/-.

Chaza Ikua (age 10) from The Aga Khan Academy raised Ksh 17,450/-.

The organisers would like to share their deepest gratitude to all the donors for their true selflessness and generosity that will touch the lives of many needy cancer sufferers.

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