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## **Ramesh Ferris - Cyle To Walk to Eradicate Polio**

**Congratulations to Ramesh Ferris for receiving the SUCCI Alumni Community Leadership Award of \$5,000 in recognition of the Cyle to Walk Campaign.**

**On April 12, 2008, Ramesh Ferris will begin to hand cycle 7,200 km from Victoria, BC to Cape Spear, Newfoundland to raise money and awareness for polio. Ramesh will cover 400 km every ten days for six months on a 27 speed hand cycle. Ramesh is a 28 year old polio survivor. He can walk with the assistance of braces and crutches; however, his legs are not strong enough to propel a conventional bicycle. He rides using a hand cycle which relies upon his powerful upper body strength. In 2002 Ramesh visited India and witnessed the devastating reality for polio victims. He vowed to help and as a result, the Cyle to Walk was born.**

**The goals of the Cycle to Walk is to raise funds and awareness to for the global eradication of polio, to educate about the need for immunization against polio and to support the rehabilitation of polio survivors.**

**Jon Hendel, SUCCI President says "We are proud to see one of own SUCCI Past Presidents step forward and take their passion and leadership across our country for a very worthwhile cause."**

**Ramesh Ferris was the President of SUCCI during the 2000 – 2001 academic year. He graduated from the Social Work Program at Confederation College . "It is gratifying to see students gaining valuable leadership experience while attending school and later, putting their leadership to use in the future. The Cycle to Walk is an excellent example of taking student leadership to the next level. Ramesh Ferris is pursuing a dream. It is unique, challenging and displays an unselfish desire to help others" says Lynne Savelle, SUCCI Executive Director.**



