

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## IACF Walkathon raises \$5,000 for local charity causes

**HOUSTON**

A new venue and a new contest were featured at the Indo-American Charity Foundation's annual walkathon to raise funds for local charities and student scholarships.

The event, which has been held at the Bear Creek Park for the last several years, was shifted to Rice stadium this year. Another new feature was a contest to cook the best 'Kadhi' and it seemed to generate a very good response with 20 individuals and organizations taking part. There were many varieties of kadhi, apart from the better known Gujarati and Punjabi styles.

Nearly 500 people participated in the walkathon and the cookoff, according to organizers who said the event raised over \$5,000 for

the IACF.

Participants in the walkathon walked around the stadium after donating or pledging money to the IACF. Other organizations which joined the IACF included the Indian Senior Citizens Association, the Indian Music Society of Houston, the Bochasanwasi Aksharapurushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) and a group of Rice University students who have been engaged in sending used computers and software for use by poor students in India. The BAPS volunteers set up a kitchen and served hot *pav-bhaji* to all the participants. Some youngsters set up a face-painting area and delighted dozens of small children with their work of art. Like in the years past, Deepak and Anjali Suri of Lake Jackson provided free ice cream to all the participants.

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