

# FIREFIGHTER STAIRCLIMB CHALLENGE

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Press Release

## Calgary Hosts the Highest Elevation Firefighter Stairclimb in the World in Support of Wellspring Calgary

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On May 3, 2015, hundreds of firefighters will unite at the base of western Canada's tallest building to climb and conquer, in full firefighter duty gear, the highest elevation stairclimb the world has ever seen.

Hosted by the Calgary Firefighter Benevolent Fund (CFBF), the stairclimb's debut has arrived thanks to event visionary, Kathy Blas, who was moved to bring the climb to Calgary in honour of her brother, local fallen firefighter, Gord Paul.

Each step up THE BOW building will be taken by modern day heroes, who risk exposure to a prevalent occupational hazard: cancer. As the firefighters remember their fallen brothers and sisters and make the climb against cancer, their efforts will directly support cancer resource centre, Wellspring Calgary.

Wellspring Calgary aims to use funds raised through this event to continue to offer quality programs and resources to those living with cancer, free of charge. This includes understanding and responding to the needs of the firefighting community through key programs and resources.

On May 3, join CFBF, Wellspring Calgary, Calgary community members and firefighters from all over North America at the Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge Opening Ceremony for your opportunity to interview and photograph key players who helped make this climb a reality.

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For more information on the Firefighter Stairclimb Challenge visit:

<http://calgarystairclimb.com>

For more information on Wellspring Calgary visit:

<http://www.wellspringcalgary.ca>

Please send your RSVP to:

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### Event Details

**When:** Sunday May 3, 2015;  
interviews/photography at  
8:30am, opening ceremony at  
8:45am, first climber (our own  
Chief Steve Dongworth) ascends  
at 9:30am

**Where:** Firehall One/THE BOW  
Building 500 Centre Street SE,  
Calgary

**Who:** Chief Dongworth (first  
climber), Chief Stu Laird (opening  
ceremony emcee), David Harvie  
(President, Wellspring), Ryder  
McRitchie (Encana) and Kathy  
Blas (event visionary)

