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\$27,000+ and 296 miles for Cancer

"We left Portwrinkle skirting the golf course and on through the army shooting ranges at Tregantle. The wildlife was very apparent as scores of rabbits scampered away at our approach and pheasants startled us as we came upon them. We were then in very familiar territory for me as we walked along the cliffs of Whitsands where Graham, Paul, Frank and I spent so much of our youth. "These are the words of Roger Gillett on his final day of his 298 mile walk along the Cornwall Path, England.

This journey began last year when Roger was given a reality check by the death of his best friend, and realised that he had been putting off many things in life. One dream was to walk the coastal path from Bude to Mount Edgecumbe Park, Cremyll. Roger has not only accomplished his walk but has raised over \$27,000 for Cancer. The donations will be split equally by The Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre www.chc.bm and Breakthrough www.breakthrough.org.uk. Although the original fundraising goal was \$10,000 Roger is now hoping to reach \$30,000. If you wish to make a donation please visit http://www.chc.bm/RogerGillettsWalkforCharity.asp.

Introduced to The Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre by Chairman of the Board, Glen Gibbons, Roger was in close contact with The Centre providing daily updates and pictures (via his M3Wirelss Blackberry). "We are thrilled to have been able to support Roger on this journey, the monies raised will be used to extend our cancer care support programme and will reach many Bermudians" says Deborah Titterton Narraway, The Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre. "Roger has touched many lives through his walk and the community support has been tremendous. Thank you to Roger and to all of you who donated."

Roger and his walking partner Roger Scotton walked over 296 miles in 16 days, averaging nearly 20 miles a day. The weather conditions varied from the glorious sunshine to horizontal rain in gale force winds. A large group of family and friends, including Graham's wife and children greeted Roger providing an emotional end to an extremely physical journey. Before leaving the area, Roger travelled across the river to Plymouth and stood on the Mayflower steps and could imagine the Sea Venture heading out to sea some 400 years before, on her way to discover Bermuda (although they did not know that at the time). Isn't it amazing how each life affects another!

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Notes to editors:

- The Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre is one of Bermuda's oldest non-profit Charities #070, and an International Charitable Fund 501c (3)
- Bermuda Cancer and Health is dedicated to educate the community about prevention and early detection of cancer and other health issues impacting Bermuda and to provide access to early detection screening, health supplies, information and educational services
- For more press information please call Deborah Titterton Narraway 236-1001 or email: <u>dnarraway@chc.bm</u>
- For more press information on Roger's Walk for Cancer, photos and journal visit http://www.chc.bm/RogerGillettsWalkforCharity.asp
- For further information about Bermuda Cancer and Health Centre visit www.chc.bm
- Breakthrough Breast Cancer is the UK's leading charity committed to fighting breast cancer through research, campaigning and education.
- For further information about Breakthrough or breast cancer visit <u>www.breakthrough.org.uk</u> or call the charity's free telephone number on 08080 100 200