



**Melissa Lundy hopes that Calgarians will take the time to come out and support the Rick Hansen Relay and all the Medal-Bearers when the relay rolls through Calgary on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

Twenty-five years ago Rick Hansen started his Man in Motion World Tour commencing his cross-Canada journey back to British Columbia. Beginning on August 24, 2011 Rick Hansen decided to do it again, however, this time one man in motion is being represented by 7,000 Canadians.

**Melissa Lundy, who was diagnosed with Lupus (SLE or Systemic Lupus Erythematosus) on September 10, 2010, has been selected as one of the Medal-Bearers for the City of Calgary when the Relay rolls through Calgary on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Melissa's segment will start at approximately 1.27 p.m. on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Melissa will be starting along Macleod Trail from 14th Ave SE going to Relay Route Marker (50m past 12 Ave SE). Her route will take place on Macleod Trail. She'll be carrying the Rick Hansen Medal for a distance of approximately 250 meters.

**Her Medal-Bearer number is MB187-037.** Look for this number on the route markers at the start of each relay segment and on the Rick Hansen Nike outfits the Medal-Bearers will be wearing.

Melissa initially had a hard time coping with her diagnosis. She's turned her emotions around by giving back and providing awareness and support for others with Lupus by spreading the word about the disease. She participated in her first Step-Out for Lupus Walk/Run in May, 2011 and her team raised over \$4,000.00.

When Melissa Lundy saw Rick Hansen's ad for difference makers to become medal-bearers, she knew she wanted to be involved. Melissa says, "Being a part of the Rick Hansen relay will be an overwhelmingly uplifting experience for me. Walking for all Canadians who have or know someone with Lupus will be an honour. It would be another way of telling young people, much like myself, they can give back in a variety of different ways and to never give up!"

**Congratulations Melissa!**