



CROP HUNGER WALK NEWS

Kansas City - Heart of America CROP Hunger Walk

SUMMER 2011

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



Walk Helps Fund Local Programs

Summer lunches fill critical need

Last summer, the Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry delivered sack lunches and milk to 330 students Monday through Friday for the five weeks they were not in school or summer school. The ministry is one of several local hunger-related programs that receives money from the CROP Hunger Walk.

The Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry began at Raytown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 2008. In 2009, several other congregations and organizations joined the ministry, increasing their capacity to serve more children. In 2010, partner churches included Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Norfleet Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Raytown Christian Church, Raytown Vineyard Church, The River Christian Fellowship, and Southwood United Church of Christ.

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*Volunteers make sandwiches in the Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry, funded in part by CROP Hunger Walk donations.
Photo: Raytown Christian Church*

Scofield retires from planning team



Photo: Kayah Scofield

Dorothy Scofield, who has served on the CROP Hunger Walk planning team since its earliest days in the greater Kansas City area, retired from her leadership position following our 2010 Walk. "Working with the Walk people through the years has been so good," Dorothy said. "There have been so many willing, dedicated volunteers. Service has been in my background always and what better way of helping to relieve suffering, hunger and disasters than with the Walk for Hunger. It has been a privilege."

Thank you, Dorothy, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve with you.

Join us to help end hunger
Sunday, October 9
2 p.m.

31st Anniversary

Heart of America
CROP Hunger Walk

Jacob Loose Park

Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Enjoy music, entertainment
and fun as we count down
to the Walk at 2 p.m.

Recruiter Rally
Sunday, August 21, 2 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church
5144 Oak St., Kansas City, MO
www.centralcares.com

Grand Canyon hike raises more than \$31,000

Dr. Paul Chan, a cardiologist at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO, raised more than \$31,000 for our 2010 CROP Hunger Walk. Dr. Chan was on hand for our annual Walk around the Loose Park neighborhood. But his sights were already set on a more grand walking challenge — the Grand Canyon. In late October, 2010, Dr. Chan hiked the Grand Canyon to raise money for our CROP Hunger Walk. His extraordinary trek covered 50 miles in one continuous 22-hour effort — rim to rim, top to bottom to top, then back down and up again.

Dr. Chan has long been involved in humanitarian causes in the U.S. and abroad. He has served in Appalachia and on a Navajo reservation. Dr. Chan



Dr. Chan and his family hike in Colorado each summer “to remember the value of hard work and to celebrate beauty in life.” He is a renowned researcher in cardiology, having published numerous articles on improving hospital quality and reducing disparities in care among vulnerable populations.

Photo Dr. Paul Chan

has also worked with children in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Peru and in the Middle East.

Explaining his approach to humanitarian efforts and the sharing of time, talents and treasure, Dr. Chan says, “We should give to others because the

process of true giving transforms us... Being engaged in others' lives is a humble recognition that we don't have all the answers. And we shouldn't.”

To read more about Dr. Chan and his inspiring feat visit www.churchworldservice.org.

Between the Walks

Blankets, Kits deepen relationship with those in need

Many congregations and other groups are eager to find ways to more fully engage with Church World Service, especially to sustain interest between CROP Hunger Walks. Blankets+ and the CWS Kit Program provide two great opportunities for increased involvement.

By simply holding a CWS Blankets+ offering, your congregation or group can provide warmth and protection to victims of a disaster, seeds and tools to struggling farmers, and water and health to impoverished communities. From something as simple as a blanket, amazing things can happen — with your help.

Through the CWS Kit Program, you can help respond in communities impacted by natural disasters or social upheaval; it's a “hands on” way to help people halfway around the world or here in the U.S.



Two local congregations, **Barry Christian Church** and **Hickman Mills Community Christian Church** participate in all three projects — the CROP Hunger Walk, Blankets+ and the CWS Kit Program. Both churches are Disciples of Christ congregations. We greatly appreciate Barry Christian Church and Hickman Mills Christian Community Church and their year-round commitment to these important ministries.

Summer lunch *(continued)*

From its inception, the ministry has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with the Raytown School District and with school guidance counselors. The district helps identify the neighborhoods most in need of lunches — those with concentrated populations of students currently on free/ reduced meal plans during the academic year. Families in those neighborhoods are notified of the opportunity to receive summer lunches through letters and flyers distributed by the school district. Flyers are also posted in selected neighborhoods.

Raytown Public School students who participate in the free/reduced-fee breakfast and lunch program during the school year represent a broad spectrum of ethnic and racial groups including Hispanic, African-American and Caucasian populations.

Menus are developed with the guidance of a volunteer who is a dietary consultant. The goal of the ministry is to provide a lunch with a nutritional value that is equivalent to the meals students would receive at school. The ministry purchases fresh food from grocery stores and suppliers. Some partners donate items that meet nutritional and packaging guidelines.

Volunteers of all ages enjoy serving our local children in a collegial and prayerful environment. Each day begins with a moment to recall why it is that the volunteers have gathered in the kitchen. Once the sack lunches are ready to be delivered, they pause again to bless the prepared meals. This “sending ritual” is an integral component of the ministry, honoring the gifts of food and volunteer labor that have been provided by God to serve those most in need in our community.

For more information on other local programs receiving funding from the CROP Hunger Walk, visit www.hoacropwalk.org.

Just Faith in Action

St. Mark's Just Faith Group began participating in the HOA CROP Hunger Walk in 2006.



Photo: Josef Walker

“After completing the Just Faith process, we became more aware of the needs in our community, our country and throughout the world. Taking part in the CROP Hunger Walk is one of the ways we can demonstrate our belief in social justice and do our part to alleviate hunger. CROP Hunger Walk is an opportunity to serve and have fun in the process.”

*Tracy Lawrence
St. Mark's Catholic Church*



Photo: Josef Walker

Save the date! The Recruiter's Rally is Sunday, August, 21, 2 p.m. You'll hear inspiring stories and receive ideas and resources to invite your congregation's participation in this year's CROP Hunger Walk.

Congratulations!

2010 CROP Hunger Walk Total = \$93,732

Top 10 Congregations

Grace Covenant Presbyterian	\$6,102
St. James Lutheran	\$4,557
Immanuel Lutheran	\$2,956
First Presbyterian, Lee's Summit.....	\$2,231
Covenant Presbyterian	\$2,215
Fairview Christian.....	\$1,574
Trinity Presbyterian	\$1,435
St. Mark's Catholic – Just Faith	\$1,407
Old Mission Methodist	\$1,197
Liberty Christian	\$1,172

Top 10 Walkers

Paul Chan (St. Luke's Hospital).....	\$31,646
Helen Perucca (Covenant Presbyterian)	\$1,665
Jane Knoche (Grace Covenant Presbyterian)	\$1,055
Karen Pack (Grace Covenant Presbyterian)	\$1,020
Tracy Lawrence (St. Mark's Catholic – Just Faith)	\$757
Marian Strouse (Salem Lutheran)	\$698
Bobbi Stracker (St. James Lutheran)	\$685
Sandy Shipley & Family (Park Hill Christian).....	\$626
Pat and Donna Devine (Queen of Holy Rosary).....	\$625
Micah Proctor (St. James Lutheran).....	\$600

For a complete list of participating congregations, visit www.hoacropwalk.org.

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CROP Hunger Walk unites, energizes congregation

Rev. Frank Reichart, Visitation Pastor at Old Mission United Methodist Church, sent us this report — and a challenge for other congregations!

“At last October's CROP Walk, Old Mission United Methodist Church had its largest group of walkers in the history of the Heart of America CROP Walk for Hunger. More than 30 adults and youth participated, including the confirmation class.

“Much credit for this response goes to Karen, our local church Recruiter. So here is our challenge to all congregational recruiters. Step up and get folks of all ages enlisted to walk in this year's CROP Hunger Walk on October 9, 2011. As my Army sergeant would say, ‘Just do it!’”



Photo: Josef Walker

**Bring your ideas and talents and help end hunger —
join us to plan and staff our local CROP Hunger Walk.
Learn more at www.hoacropwalk.org or call 816-729-8042.**

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