



Aurora Area

CROP

Walk

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Over Two Dozen Walks This Sunday Fight World & Local Hunger

CROP Hunger Walks in 25 Chicago area communities on Oct. 15

Oak Brook, Ill., Oct. 12, 2006, (*The Religion Wire™*) — For over 30 years, the **Aurora Area CROP Walk** has helped to fight local and international hunger. This Sunday the Aurora walkers will be walking in solidarity with 24 other Chicago area community **CROP Hunger Walks**.

CROP Hunger Walks scheduled in the Chicago area for this Sunday include the following walks —

- **Cook County:** Bartlett, Chicago, Des Plaines Area, Glenbrook, Greater Woodfield Area, LaGrange/Western Springs, Nilis/Park Ridge, Northwest Community, Palatine, Riverside/North Riverside Covenant, and Southwest Suburban.
- **DeKalb County:** DeKalb County - North
- **DuPage County:** Elmhurst/Bensenville/Wooddale, Naperville Area, and Northwest DuPage.
- **Kane County:** Aurora Area, Elgin Area, and Tri-Cities.
- **Kankakee County:** Kankakee Valley
- **Lake County:** Barrington Area, Central Lake County Interfaith, and Northern Lake County.
- **McHenry County:** Crystal Lake
- **Will County:** Bolingbrook/Naperville and Greater Lockport.

CROP Hunger Walks, community fund-raising events that bring together people of all faiths to raise money for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. **CROP** is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. **CROP** is part of the humanitarian agency Church World Service (CWS).

CROP events were begun almost 60 years ago, with the collection and shipping of grain contributed by Midwest farmers--central to Church World Service's work in helping to feed starving people in devastated post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today **CROP Hunger Walks** are the only events that raise awareness and funds to address both international and local needs.

In 2005, some 2,000 communities across the country participated in **CROP Walks**. Over the past 20 years, CROP Hunger Walkers have raised more than \$270 million.

Up to twenty-five percent of what each **CROP Hunger Walk** raises helps stock food pantries that provide emergency assistance to families in need in that local area. The balance is used to help the relief, development, and refugee assistance agency in its efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty around the world.

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