

# ABOUT THE CROP HUNGER WALK



## What does CROP mean?

C = Communities

R = Responding to

O = Overcome

P = Poverty

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## What is the CROP Hunger Walk?

Neighbors from different faiths, cultures, and ages, walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting agencies. Some 2,000 communities across the country take part each year. The Milwaukee CROP Hunger Walk is also a food drive that collects food for people who are poor in the greater Milwaukee area.

## How long is the Walk?

Walkers have the option to choose the short 2 mile route or the long 5.5 mile route. Regardless of the route, the Walk begins and ends at the same place at the McKinley Marina on Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront.

## Where does the money go?

Up to 25% of what is raised at the Milwaukee Walk stays locally to support anti-poverty advocacy work done by Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. Interfaith Conference's anti-poverty advocacy has contributed to policy changes aimed to reduce the causes of poverty and to protect people who are poor and under-represented in the city, county and state.

The remaining funds are used by Church World Service to provide sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, refugee assistance and global hunger education in more than 80 countries, including the United States. However, a unique difference between CROP Hunger Walks from other events is the option for donors to designate their gifts to another approved international hunger-fighting agency such as Catholic Relief Services, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Lutheran World Relief, MAZON, Muslim Relief, etc.

## Where does the food go?

All of the food collected during CROP Hunger Walk is donated to Hunger Task Force which distributes food to pantries, homeless shelters and meal programs throughout the greater Milwaukee area for free. On the day of CROP Hunger Walk, walkers and donors bring their non-perishable food items to the McKinley Marina where their donations are loaded directly into the Hunger Task Force's truck.

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# ***ABOUT CROP HUNGER WALK (continued)***

## **What does Church World Service do with money raised from CROP Hunger Walk?**

CWS supports a wide array of relief and anti-poverty measures including:

- advocacy regarding domestic and international policy.
- agricultural training;
- assistance for homeless shelters in the US;
- drilling of water wells;
- emergency famine relief;
- micro-industry development;
- natural disaster relief;
- and refugee assistance.

Visit the Milwaukee CROP Hunger Walk webpage at:

[www.interfaithconference.org/CROPWalk.htm](http://www.interfaithconference.org/CROPWalk.htm)