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### Interfaith Community Walk Aims to Raise \$65,000 to Help End Hunger

*Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice Hosts the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk*

For the 38<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice hosts the CROP Hunger Walk, a unique interfaith event that unites people of all walks of life to end hunger one step at a time. Local congregations, organizations, school and community groups, individuals, and families are all welcome to participate in walking 1 mile or 5 miles to raise funds for local and global hunger prevention and relief. Last year, CROP walkers in the Washtenaw/Ann Arbor Walk raised over \$52,000 and an additional \$1900 in local grants! This year, we are aiming even higher to respond to increased need.

Seventy-five percent of the funds raised go to support worldwide relief and development efforts by Church World Service, or they may go to other religious or development agencies that sponsors choose. The other 25% directly supports local groups confronting hunger in our own communities. The CROP Hunger Walk will fund the following local organizations this year: L.O.V.E. thy Neighbor (FUMC), SOS Community Crisis Center, Avalon Housing, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Peace Neighborhood Center, Aid in Milan, Catholic Social Services, Packard Health, Community Action Network, St. Andrew's Breakfast Program, Hope Clinic, Emmanuel House, Muslim Social Services, Growing Hope, and Northfield Human Services.



For the Fifth grade class of Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor (photo left), from the 2010 CROP Walk was full of pride and surprise! The class arrived at the CROP Walk event site where they were given a "Help Crop STOP Hunger" sign to walk with. While the whole class felt that the effort and the day had been a success, the big surprise came on Monday morning when the class discovered that the fruits of this effort were not quite what they had anticipated...they were much higher!! Collectively the fifth grade class of RSSAA raised over \$3,000 to help feed hungry people in our community and the

world!

Will you join us this year to help end hunger one step at a time? Register now at [www.icpj.net](http://www.icpj.net).

### 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk

**Date:** Sunday, October 14th

**Time:** Registration 1pm; Walk 2pm

**Location:** Bethlehem United Church of Christ (423 South 4th Ave., Ann Arbor)

**A post-walk meal** will be served at Bethlehem United Church of Christ for all walkers and volunteers.

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**Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** empowers people of faith and people of conscience in the Washtenaw County/Ann Arbor, Michigan area to act on their moral and religious values to build a better world. ([www.icpj.net](http://www.icpj.net))