



# Perfect Weather graced the 40th Hunger Walkathon West CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday May 7th

The Planning Team wishes to thank and bless the Team Captains and Participants who raised money for this annual event and the businesses and individual donors who supported them.

This year's walk was dedicated to the memories of Doug Wyman and Sylvia Menninga, two long-time champions of the walk.

This year we again did not hold a centralized walk. Each team captain arranged an event for their team. Photos from various teams are included here.



Recipients of the money raised in 2023 include hungry and hurting people served by international relief and development programs of Church World Service and the following nine local agencies: Beyond Hunger, Learning Edge Tutoring, First Baptist Church of Melrose Park Food Pantry, Forest Park Food Pantry, Housing Forward, Pine Avenue Food Pantry, Proviso Food Pantry, St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry,

and Vision of Restoration Food Pantry. These agencies provide services in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago, Oak Park, Forest Park, Maywood and Melrose Park. We are pleased to report that the amount raised to date is over \$70,000. The 2022 Walk raised \$127,000. The need continues and donations of any size are still welcome.



**It's not too late to donate!  
Just visit our website:  
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the "DONATE NOW" button.**

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#### Participating Teams (in addition to recipients):

Ascension Catholic Church OP  
Broadview Wesleyan Church  
Euclid Ave United Methodist Church OP  
First Baptist Church OP  
First United Church of Oak Park  
First United Methodist Church OP  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church OP  
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