

49th Annual Greater Bridgeport Crop Hunger Walk Sunday, May 7, 2023 - 1:30 - 4:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

LOCATION: United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

CROP is the Community Appeal of Church World Service. It fights hunger, locally, nationally, and internationally, and emphasizes self-sustaining agricultural practices. 75% of the money collected will be used by Church World Service or whichever agency the sponsor designates. 25% remains here supporting 10 local agencies that support our vulnerable neighbors in the Greater Bridgeport area. (Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Daughters of Charity Rescue Mission, Inc., Thomas Merton Center, Operation Hope, King's Pantry, Stratford Baptist Church Shepherd's Food Pantry, Spooner House, Trumbull Social Services, Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, and the Monroe Food Pantry)

WHO WALKS? Everyone is welcome to walk! Please remember to adhere to proper social distancing rules, if necessary. An adult must accompany children under 12. The regular walk is 2.14 miles long, but if you are walking as a family with children; etc. there is a detour that cuts it in half to 1.2 miles.

CONTRIBUTIONS to CWS/CROP are tax deductible. If your company has a matching grant program, please let us know. Please **include** the **PIN # 840005322** on the memo line **on all checks**.

BEFORE THE WALK: We are encouraging all participants to **register** and **donate online** at our website **crophungerwalk.org/BridgeportCT**. However, if your church/synagogue has a group participating with a team leader, you can also pick up a registration/donation collections envelope from them to use and bring to the walk on **May 7th**. You can also register and pick up a donation collection envelope the day of the walk at **1:30 on May 7th**. Set your goals and commit yourself to make a difference for hungry people. Then ask friends, neighbors, co-workers, church/synagogue members, teachers, classmates, etc. to sponsor you. **Please make every effort to collect your donations or confirm on line donations prior to the walk. Make sure all checks have the PIN # 840005322 on the memo line of the check.**

DAY OF THE WALK: Go to United Congregational Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport and pull into the parking lot or park on the street. As mentioned above, all participants can register ahead of time online, or they can show their registration/donation envelope or fill out a registration form at the check-in table. If you have finished collecting all of your donations, hand in your donation envelope that day. If you still need to collect additional pledges, take your envelope home and collect those donations and hand in your envelope by June 1st. Card validation, water and rest rooms are available at the church. Wear comfortable clothes, hat, shoes and socks. Bring rain gear and snacks if needed. **Participants are encouraged the day of the walk to bring donated healthy, non-perishable food items to United Congregational Church's food pantry Nourish Bridgeport.**

AFTER THE WALK: Collect remaining contributions promptly. **All collection envelopes with cash & checks need to be turned into your team leader, town recruiter or our Crop Walk treasurers by June 1, 2023.** Make sure the name of your congregation or organization, the name of your leader or town recruiter, and the amount collected is on the Crop Walk envelope. If you are mailing your registration/collection envelope to our treasurers place it in a larger mailing envelope and send it to: CROP Walk, c/o Elaine and Robert Wood, 6 Lakeview Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484. If you want to drop it off to them telephone them in advance at 203-257-8715 to find a convenient time.

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