

The 2010 Schenectady CROP Walker

Pat Wheeler Receives the Sr. Rachel Award



Assembling on the church lawn before the walk

The **Sister Rachel Award** recognizes a volunteer or group of volunteers who has had a significant impact on the CROP Walk, and who exemplifies the spirit, dedication and philosophy of volunteerism as witnessed by Sister Rachel Ricciardelli.

This year's recipient was Pat Wheeler of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Pat has worked tirelessly in her congregation to produce outstanding results. A retired teacher, she provides guidance to new recruiters on ways to increase participation in the CROP Walk.

Pat Wheeler (left) being recognized by Reverend Phil Grigsby (right)



Success once again! Over \$50,000 was raised at the 2010 CROP Walk in Schenectady. This year's Walk kept the new route, with walkers starting from Emmanuel Friedens Church, walking through downtown Schenectady, past the Greenmarket, onto the Bike Path, around part of the Union College campus, and back to Emmanuel Friedens. Over 600 walkers participated this year, down slightly because Clifton Park churches planned a local fall event. Everyone was grateful for cooperation in the weather department!



The registration table was a busy place!

T-shirts, anyone?



Money Raised by Lutherans

25 households from 4 Lutheran churches participated in the 2009 Crop Walk. Their funds raised were matched by Thrivent. Thrivent is a Lutheran affiliated insurance company that each year provides assistance in local communities where there are members. The local Thrivent chapter has matched local CROP Walk funds for several years. Locally, Thrivent has also supported Habitat for Humanity,

Local Pantry Recipients of CROP Walk Funds

- Sacred Heart/St. Columba's Food Pantry
- SICM Food Program
- Schenectady Nutrition Program for the Elderly (Catholic Charities of Schenectady)
- Community Crisis Network
- St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Luke's Church



The Felton Family of Niskayuna included two of our youngest "walkers" and a canine friend, too!



The Many CROPWalk Participants

Corporate Sponsors and Friends

We acknowledge and thank the following corporations who have helped this year's Capital Region CROP Walk effort:

- Trustco Bank
- Stewart's Shops
- Albany Public School
- Teachers Association (APSTA)
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
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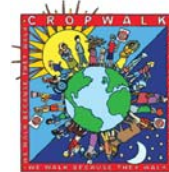
Corporate Friends

- Daily Gazette
- Times Union
- The Record

Individuals and Groups

- Schenectady Police and Fire Departments
- Niskayuna Police Department
- City Hall Staff
- All Recruiters
- All Registrars
- Catholic Charities Staff and Volunteers
- Emmanuel/Friedens Church (Rev. Larry Phillips, Marcia Tolman, Maria Puccio, Dave Snyder)
- St. Helen's Church & School (Rev. Bob Longobucco, Sr. Betsy Van Deusen)
- Key Bank (Downtown)
- Knight's Orchards
- Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
- SICM Staff & Volunteers
- Scotia Meal Site Volunteers
- All Senior Meal Sites
- Stanford/Albany Street United Methodist Church (Members for Rest Stop)

- Fisher United Methodist Church (Clark Cooper & Youth Group .. for signage along the route)
- Onderdonk-Milne Family and all parking volunteers
- Lorraine Poirier Family
- The Sisters of St. Joseph
- Thrivent Financial (Mary Gray and Ellen Harris)



A SPECIAL THANK YOU
to all who recruited walkers, solicited pledges and made pledges through the Schenectady CROP Walk website!

2010 Congregations and Organizations

Participants in the 2010 walk, as determined by pledge forms turned in the day of the walk.

- Albany Street U.M.C.
- Bellevue Reformed Church
- Burnt Hills U.M.C.
- Carman U.M.C.
- Catholic Charities of Schenectady
- Center Glenville U.M.C.
- Eastern Parkway U.M.C.
- Emmanuel-Friedens Church
- Faith U.M.C.
- First Baptist Church, Schenectady
- First Baptist Church, Scotia
- First Reformed Church, Schenectady
- First Reformed Church, Scotia
- First Unitarian Society
- First U.M.C.
- Friendship Baptist Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- GE Volunteers

- Grace Lutheran Church
- Immaculate Conception
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Lisha Kill Reformed Church
- Lynnwood Reformed Church
- Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School
- Niskayuna High School
- Niskayuna Reformed Church
- Our Lady of Fatima Church
- Our Lady of Grace
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Rotterdam U.M.C.
- Sacred Heart/St. Columba's Food Pantry
- Schenectady Friends Meeting Society
- Schenectady Inner City Ministry
- Scotia U.M.C.
- St. Anthony's Church
- St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
- St. Helen's Church and School
- St. John the Baptist Church
- St. Joseph's—Scotia
- St. Luke's
- St. Paul's Church
- St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

- SROA (Downtown)
- Stanford U.M.C.
- Trinity Presbyterian Church
- Union College:
 - Multi-Faith Council
 - Campus Ministry
- Union Presbyterian Church
- Woestina Reformed Church
- Woodlawn Reformed Church

