

# The 2013 Schenectady CROP WALKER



Thanks to many the 2013 CROP was a success! The gathering, the band, the weather all added up to a festive day and witness. "We walk because they walk." CROP is a living symbol so that those who can walk once a year walk with and on behalf of those who each day walk for food, water, and sometimes to get away from

natural disaster or war.

The Walk raised \$44,000, of which 25% returns to the community for local hunger-fighting efforts. Local groups supported include the Catholic Charities Senior Meal Program, St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Luke's parish, the Community Crisis Network, and the SICM Food Program.

500+ took part this year in common cause to fight hunger here and overseas. Thanks to Emmanuel

Friedens for hosting the start and finish; the route went through the Green Market, around Union College and St. Anthony's, and returned. There was also a "Golden Mile" option.



Highlights of the opening ceremony were greetings by the Regional CROP Director, Doug Anderson, who retired from 37 years of service with CROP this past

summer. Doug offered his support for our capital area efforts in many ways; his fuller comments can be read from the SICM web site.

Thanks to the SICM Food Program staff for helping to set up and other arrangements. We appreciated Noralee Itchoak's coordination of the T-shirt table for many years. This walk was her last one as she retired to Alaska; we wish her well!



## Rev. Larry Phillips Receives the Sr. Rachel Award



Rev. Larry Phillips, former Pastor at Emmanuel Friedens Church, was the recipient of this year's award. Rev. Phillips retired from the church in late 2012 and was given the award at his retirement gathering. He remains a

very strong advocate of the CROP Walk in our community as not only a hunger fighting program but as a way to gather community. In previous years he was the 'clicker' who counted how many took part; in later years the walk coincided with a grandchild's birthday so he was away for the event itself but worked 'above and beyond' to

make it happen with the Emmanuel Friedens community. He served at the church for 29 years and retired in November 2012, and is living in the area. **Congratulations, Larry!**



**Next Walk:  
Sunday, May 4, 2014**

# 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:

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## Individuals and Groups

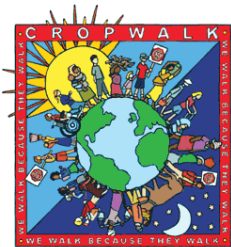
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 Schenectady Amateur Radio Association  
 SICM Staff & Volunteers  
 Schenectady Police and Fire Departments  
 Stanford United Methodist Church  
 The Sisters of St. Joseph

## Money Raised by Lutherans

Walkers from 4 Lutheran churches participated in the Crop Walk. Their funds raised were matched by Thrivent. Thrivent is a Lutheran affiliated insurance company that provides assistance in communities where there are members.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

*to all who recruited walkers, solicited pledges and made pledges through the Schenectady CROP Walk website!*



## 2013 Congregations and Organizations

Participants in the 2013 walk, as determined by pledge forms:

Bellevue Reformed  
 Bethesda House Women's Group  
 Bethel AME  
 Burnt Hills U.M.C.  
 Carman U.M.C.  
 Catholic Charities of Schenectady  
 Cobblestone Church  
 Eastern Parkway U.M.C.  
 Emmanuel-Friedens  
 Faith U.M.C.  
 First Baptist, Schenectady  
 First Reformed, Schenectady  
 First Reformed, Scotia  
 First Unitarian Society  
 First U.M.C.  
 Friendship Baptist  
 GE Volunteers  
 Good Shepherd Lutheran  
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Immanuel Lutheran  
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 Lynnwood Reformed  
 Messiah Lutheran  
 Niskayuna High School  
 Niskayuna Reformed  
 Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons  
 Our Lady of Grace  
 Our Lady Queen of Peace  
 Our Redeemer Lutheran  
 Prince of Peace Lutheran  
 Schenectady Friends Meeting  
 Schenectady Inner City Ministry  
 Schenectady Schools—  
 Fulton, Van Corlear  
 Scotia U.M.C.  
 St. Anthony's  
 St. Gabriel the Archangel  
 St. George's—Clifton Park  
 St. George's—Schenectady  
 St. John the Evangelist  
 St. Kateri  
 St. Joseph's—Scotia

St. Luke's  
 St. Paul the Apostle  
 St. Stephen's Episcopal  
 Stanford U.M.C.  
 Trinity Lutheran  
 Trinity Presbyterian  
 Union College—  
 Catholic Student Association  
 Union Presbyterian  
 Woestina Reformed  
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