

# The 2007 Midlands CROP Walk Against Hunger



*Register Today – You Can Make a Difference!*

## FAST FACTS

- WHO?** 1,000+ adults, children and families who want to fight hunger.
- WHAT?** A 5K (3.1-mile) walk to raise money for hunger-relief organizations in the Midlands and around the world.
- WHEN?** **Sunday, November 18, 2007.** Registration at 1:30 p.m. Walk at 2:30 p.m. (*Rain or Shine*)
- WHERE?** Walk begins and ends at the South Carolina State House at the corner of Main and Gervais.
- WHY?** Food is a basic human need that many of us take for granted – even though many of our own neighbors may be struggling to put food on their tables. The CROP Walk raises money to support the work of hunger-fighting organizations and helps raise awareness of hunger issues both locally and around the world. The Walk is also a great team-building activity and promotes physical fitness.
- HOW?** Walkers collect pledges prior to the Walk. Most walkers participate as part of a team (church, school, business, organization, etc.), but individual walkers are welcome.
- WHO ORGANIZES THE WALK?** The Walk is organized by a volunteer board and volunteer committees consisting of approximately 35 members of the Midlands community. The Board and committees are dedicated to fighting hunger and work year-round to make the Walk a success.
- HISTORY** The Midlands sponsored its first Walk in 1979 and has raised more than \$730,000 over the past 28 years. **The 2006 walk raised \$40,000.** Nationally, the CROP Walk began in 1947 as a project of Church World Services, a non-denominational international relief organization. Currently there are 2,000 CROP Walks in the U.S.
- WHO BENEFITS?** **Twenty-five percent of the money raised is directly distributed to local hunger agencies to feed hungry people in the Midlands.** The 2007 Walk will support the Emergency Food Pantry programs at Harvest Hope Food Bank and at Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS). The remaining seventy-five percent of the money raised is used by Church World Service to support over 80 ecumenical hunger-relief efforts in the US and around the world.
- IMPACT** **In the Midlands...**\$50 enables an emergency food pantry to purchase 277 pounds of food – enough to feed 14 people for 4 days. **In other countries...**\$50 can provide 50 baby chicks to a family in Bosnia.
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