



St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk  
... helping to end hunger locally and globally.



## OVERVIEW

St. Louis Metro CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 14. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Upper Muny parking lot. The walk starts at 2:00 p.m. and will unite caring individuals in the fight against hunger. Families, friends, congregants and colleagues will join forces to promote awareness about the hunger issue and solicit donations for hunger relief by walking a 1 mile or 3 mile route in Forest Park.

St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal of 1,200 walkers and hopes to raise \$380,000 to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world. 25% of the funds raised will go to Operation Food Search who provides more than 100,000 food baskets to the needy each month in the St. Louis bistate region.

A challenge is also being issued to all walkers to bring 10 cans of food with them to Forest Park. The goal is to fill the Operation Food Search truck with 10,000 cans of food. Churches, businesses and organizations are encouraged to conduct food drives and bring the cans to Forest Park on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Individuals and teams can register online to walk at [www.stlcropwalk.org](http://www.stlcropwalk.org). Click on the "Register for the St. Louis Walk" link. Or register by email to [CROPLelia.org](mailto:CROPLelia.org) and include your name, congregation or group, address, and telephone number. Donation envelopes will be mailed upon request. Church-based groups, schools, businesses and families are encouraged to multiply their contributions and enjoyment by forming teams. Team information as well as individual contribution forms can be downloaded from the Walk site.

CROP Walk organizers are honored to have Emerson and Monsanto partner as sponsors this year. The walk organizers are grateful to them for their generous support.

## WHO BENEFITS

CROP Hunger Walks around the country help fight hunger and poverty around the world, including the United States. Funds continue to play a big role in the continuing saga of U. S. Gulf Coast rebuilding. More than a year after Hurricane Katrina, Church World Service is working to get hundreds of families out of FEMA trailers and into new or repaired homes.

Operation Food Search is the local CROP partner. Funds raised will be used to purchase food to help feed the 395,000 people who live in poverty in the St. Louis region. Operation Food Search will distribute the food through their network of 300 agencies including food pantries, shelters and soup kitchens.

CROP Walk Chairperson Lelia Farr says, "It's exciting for people to come together at a grassroots level to walk and raise funds to help the poor and hungry around the world and here in the St. Louis area. This year some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together to address the problems of poverty and hunger through CROP Hunger Walks sponsored by Church World Service." CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.