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Northern Lake County CROP Walk 2006

[WAUKEGAN, IL] – (August 1, 2006) – Northern Lake County CROP Walk committee is looking for walkers and recruiters for this year's CROP Walk. The 2006 Northern Lake County CROP HUNGER WALK will be held on Sunday, October 15, starting and ending at St. Anastasia Church, Poplar and Glen Flora Avenue, Waukegan. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m.

CROP HUNGER WALKS are community-based fundraising events that raise money for local hunger-fighting agencies as well as the international relief and development efforts of Church World Service. This annual event is aimed at addressing hunger - locally and worldwide. CROP WALKS provide a learning experience which invites walkers to reflect on their relative privilege, and exercise their hope toward a world that works for all.

The Northern Lake County CROP HUNGER WALK is a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) walkathon involving people of all faiths, races, cultures and ages to help people who are victims of hunger, poverty and other disasters. The route for the Northern Lake County walk is carefully marked through northeast Waukegan and includes an area of historic and architecturally interesting homes. The short route, for those walkers choosing this option, is through the historic district.

CROP WALKS across the country raise millions of dollars for Church World Service (CWS), which is a consortium of all the major religions that directs overseas hunger relief. Seventy-five percent of the money raised benefits CWS and other international relief agencies providing food, disaster relief and self-help development projects around the world. Individual sponsors can designate the overseas portion of their funds to any major program such as the Red Cross, Hope International, Lutheran World Relief, or others. Last year, the Northern Lake County CROP HUNGER WALK raised more than \$88,000 for local and world hunger and relief programs. The goal for the 2006 walk is \$110,000.

Locally, 25 percent of the funds collected by the CROP Walk benefit local food pantries, soup kitchens, and other human service agencies that provide food and/or shelter to those in need. Area agencies receiving a share of the funding from this year's walk include: Northern Illinois Food Bank, A Safe Place – Lake County Crisis Center, Calvary Community Care, Christ Episcopal Church Community Meal, C.O.O.L. Food Pantry & Transitional Housing, First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church Soup Kitchen, First United Methodist Church Free Meal, Holy Family Bread Basket and Soup Kitchen, Holy Family Outreach Center, Holy Family Food Pantry – West, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Food Pantry, PADS Crisis Services, Inc., St. Anastasia Soup Kitchen and PADS, Shiloh Baptist Church Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.

For more details on how to get involved, individuals and groups can call the Lake County Branch of Northern Illinois Food Bank at 847.336.3663 or Pat Ostrander, Northern Lake County CROP Coordinator, at 847.746.2830. Interested individuals can also attend one of the RECRUITER TRAINING Sessions:

Sunday, August 27 at 3:00 PM

St Anastasia Church (School Building)
Poplar and Glen Flora Ave, Waukegan

Monday, August 28 at 7:00 PM

St. Mark Lutheran Church
1822 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst

Northern Illinois Food Bank, a member of America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network, acquires donated food from retailers, manufacturers, corporations, and community resources and distributes it through its network of over 520 food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, and other nonprofit food assistance sites to help the 231,576 people living in poverty in 13 northern Illinois counties including Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago Counties. Northern Illinois Food Bank has been committed to helping feed hungry people for more than 20 years. For more information on NIFB, please call 630.443.6910 or visit www.northernillfoodbank.org.

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