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### Tri-Cities CROP Walk 2006

[St. Charles, IL] – (August 25, 2006) – Tri-Cities CROP Walk committee is looking for walkers and recruiters for this year's CROP Walk. The 2006 Tri-Cities CROP HUNGER WALK will be held on Sunday, October 15, starting and ending at Batavia United Methodist Church, 8 North Batavia Ave, Batavia. Registration will begin at 1:15 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 Tri-Cities CROP HUNGER WALK is a 5 kilometer 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 Tri-Cities CROP walk is carefully marked on the Fox River Trail and city sidewalks. There is one rest stop.

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 Tri-Cities CROP WALK raised more than \$26,000 for local and world hunger and relief programs. The goal for the 2006 walk is \$30,000.

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, Salvation Army, Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry, and Lazarus House.

For more details on how to get involved, individuals and groups can call the Gail Simpson, CROP Walk Organizer at 630-584-8492. Interested individuals can also attend a RECRUITER TRAINING RALLY on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Batavia United Methodist Church - 8 North Batavia Ave, Batavia. If you can not attend the rally, but still want to get involved either as a recruiter or walker, you can contact Gail Simpson at 630-584-8492.

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