



# The Schenectady CROP Walker — 2009



Success once again! Over \$xxxxx was raised at the 2009 CROP Walk in Schenectady. This year's Walk saw a change in the route, allowing for walkers to enjoy a change of scenery by starting from Emmanuel Friedens Church, walking through downtown Schenectady, past the Greenmarket, onto the Bike Path, around part of the Union College campus, and back to Emmanuel Friedens. Over 700 walkers participated this year, and everyone was grateful for cooperation in the weather department!

## John S. Steele Receives the Sr. Rachel Award

The Sister Rachel Award recognizes a volunteer or group of volunteers who has had a significant impact on the CROP Walk, and who exemplifies the spirit, dedication and philosophy of volunteerism as witnessed by Sister Rachel Ricciardelli.

This year's recipient was John S. Steele, Retired Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Schenectady County. Accepting the Award from Reverend Phil Grigsby (far right) are (center) and (far left). Congratulations, !



### \$\$\$ Raised by Lutherans

90 volunteers [30 households) from 5 Lutheran churches participated in the 2009 Crop Walk. They raised \$7,862 which Thrivent matched with an additional \$4000. Thrivent is a Lutheran affiliated insurance company that each year provides assistance in local communities where there are members. The local Thrivent chapter has matched local CROP Walk funds for several years. Locally, Thrivent has also supported Habitat for Humanity, SICM, and others.

### Local Pantry Recipients of CROP Walk Funds

- Sacred Heart/St. Columba's Food Pantry
- SICM Food Program
- Schenectady Nutrition Program for the Elderly (Catholic Charities of Schenectady)
- Community Crisis Network
- St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Luke's Church



CROP Walk Recruiter Training

# 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:

- Trustco Bank
- Stewart's Shops
- Albany Public School
- Teachers Association (APSTA)
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
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- Price Chopper
- The Lofgren Agency

## Corporate Friends

- Daily Gazette
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- The Record

## Individuals and Groups

- Schenectady Police and Fire Departments
- Niskayuna Police Department
- City Hall Staff
- All Recruiters
- All Registrars
- Catholic Charities Staff and Volunteers
- Emmanuel/Friedens Church (Rev. Larry Phillips, Mary Lou Chotkowski, and Youth Group)
- St. Helen's Church & School (Rev. Bob Longobucco, Sr. Betsy Van Deusen)
- Key Bank (Downtown)
- Knight's Orchards
- Schenectady Amateur Radio Association
- SICM Staff & Volunteers
- Scotia Meal Site Volunteers
- All Senior Meal Sites
- Stanford/Albany Street United Methodist Church (Members for Rest Stop)

- Fisher United Methodist Church (Clark Cooper & Youth Group .. for signage along the route)
- Onderdonk-Milne Family and all parking volunteers
- Lorraine Poirier Family
- The Sisters of St. Joseph
- Thrivent Financial (Mary Gray and Ellen Harris)



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

## 2009 Congregations and Organizations

*Participants in the 2009 walk, as determined by pledge forms turned in the day of the walk.*

- Albany Street U.M.C.
- Bellevue Reformed Church
- Bethesda House Women's Group
- Burnt Hills U.M.C.
- Carman U.M.C.
- Catholic Charities of Schenectady
- Center Glenville U.M.C.
- Eastern Parkway U.M.C.
- Emmanuel-Friedens Church
- Faith U.M.C.
- First Baptist Church, Schenectady
- First Baptist Church, Scotia
- First Reformed Church, Schenectady
- First Reformed Church, Scotia
- First Unitarian Society
- First U.M.C.
- Friendship Baptist Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

- GE Volunteers
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Immaculate Conception
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Jonesville U.M.C.
- Lisha Kill Reformed Church
- Lynnwood Reformed Church
- Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons High School
- Niskayuna High School
- Niskayuna Reformed Church
- Our Lady of Fatima Church
- Our Lady of Grace
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Rotterdam U.M.C.
- Sacred Heart/St. Columba's Food Pantry
- Schenectady Friends Meeting Society
- Schenectady Inner City Ministry
- Scotia U.M.C.
- St. Anthony's Church
- St. Gabriel the Archangel Church
- St. Helen's Church and School
- St. John the Baptist Church
- St. Joseph's—Scotia

- St. Luke's
- St. Paul's Church
- St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
- Stanford U.M.C.
- Trinity Presbyterian Church
- Union College:
  - Multi-Faith Council
  - Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority
- Union Presbyterian Church
- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Woestina Reformed Church
- Woodlawn Reformed Church

