

# South Bay CROP Hunger Walk 2013

## San Jose, CA April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013

CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide – and here in the U.S. – to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Our local efforts are making a huge difference... and you are part of it!

Every dollar raised for our CROP Hunger Walk will be increased this year! The Feinstein Foundation ([www.feinsteinfoundation.org](http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org)) will divide \$1 million among hunger-fighting agencies that raise funds during March and April. So the more funds we raise from March 1 to April 30, the more we'll receive. Every dollar counts even more!

If you are interested in participating in or donating to CROP Walk, you can:

1) contact Charlie Slayman ([cslayman@gmail.com](mailto:cslayman@gmail.com), 408-603-6276) or

2) come to the CROP Walk sign-up table at Fellowship Hour on Sunday or

3) register online to donate to a walker or join the Campbell United Methodist Team

[http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013SpringCROPHungerWalk/TR-Spring2013?fr\\_id=16489&pg=entry](http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013SpringCROPHungerWalk/TR-Spring2013?fr_id=16489&pg=entry).

### Walk Details – New Location This Year!!

**Location:** San Jose City Hall Plaza, 200 E Santa Clara Street

**Registration:** 12:30 p.m., Walk: 1:30 p.m.

## CROP FAQ's

### What does CROP stand for?

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the **Christian Rural Overseas Program**. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, rather than thinking of CROP primarily as an acronym, we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS/CROP regional offices across the U.S.

### **How many CROP Hunger Walks are there?**

Each year, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone. The South Bay CROP Walk was started 36 years ago by Joyce Hocker and Bob Renfer, who were on the church Hunger Task Force committee.

### **Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?**

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs--something CWS has learned through some 64 years of working in partnership around the world.

### **How do CROP Hunger Walks help out here at home?**

This year CROP Hunger Walks will share almost \$4 million with food banks, pantries, community gardens, and other local efforts across the U.S. This support is made possible when local CROP Hunger Walks choose our unique option of returning up to 25 percent of what their CROP Hunger Walk raises to hunger-fighting programs in their own community.