



## WALK DAY *Send-Off*

Welcome, and thank all of you for participating in this year's (Name of Your CROP Walk) as we walk, we are helping fight for those around the world and right here in our own community facing hunger, poverty, disaster and displacement.

(Introduce yourself and co-leaders.) Thanks to all the planning team members, team captains, community sponsors, and walkers who have partnered together to make today's CROP Hunger Walk come to fruition.

Our efforts are more important than ever as world hunger has been exacerbated by factors such as inflation, climate change and conflict. We walk in the CROP Hunger Walk because we believe no one should experience hunger. We believe that we can and should feed all who are hungry. Together we can do this – one step at a time, one dollar at a time, one meal at a time.

By supporting the CROP Hunger Walk, you change lives. Last year, CROP Hunger Walks across the country joined together in support of the work of CWS and local hunger agencies raising over \$6 million to lend a helping hand and provide hope to the most vulnerable. Imagine the difference you've made for people like...

- **Penda in Tanzania** by providing seeds, tools and training to help her family grow the essential food they need to nourish their bodies.
- **Communities around the world** help build water systems to provide access to safe drinking water in places such as Kenya, Georgia, and Cambodia.
- **Emilio in the Dominican Republic** by providing livestock and animal care education to help families like his achieve food security and economic stability.
- **Hunger-fighting organizations across the U.S.**, where you, along with fellow CROP Hunger Walkers, helped support nearly 800 organizations—including our own hunger-fighting agency(ies).

The mission of CROP Hunger Walk is to walk in solidarity with those who walk miles for food, clean water, and a safe place to call home, just like Penda, Emilio, and so many others.

It's also about partnering with the heroes in our community who work selflessly to serve our neighbors in need.

(Share briefly about how the CROP Hunger Walk supports local agencies)

(Introduce and thank representatives of local hunger agencies)



## HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

Before you leave, hopefully inspired by the incredible work you're supporting, we have a few housekeeping items to share...

- Share information about the route, restrooms, water stations and emergency contact for walkers.

**And now, to kick off our walk,  
please repeat after me:**

**Leader: We walk to end hunger**

Walkers: We walk to end hunger

**Leader: We walk for justice**

Walkers: We walk for justice

**Leader: We walk for hope**

Walkers: We walk for hope

**Leader: We walk for peace**

Walkers: We walk for peace

**Leader: May the steps we take**

Walkers: May the steps we take

**Leader: Build a better world for all!**

Walkers: Build a better world for all!

**Leader: LET THE WALK BEGIN!**

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