

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH at CROP WALK 2009

Visit the Concord CROP Walk's Website at: www.concordcrop.org
REMEMBER THAT ALL WALKERS ARE NOW ABLE TO GATHER SPONSORS ON-LINE!!

- **THE YOUTH BANNER CONTEST**

Each year youth groups bring colorful banners to the walk from area churches, temples, and public and private schools. If your group plans to enter the Banner Contest, please preregister your group or groups. For extra Banner Contest registration forms, go to the web site and print out the form and mail. You can also e-mail the information for each class or group to dankear@aol.com. ***Be sure to pre-register your group(s)***, as there are now more than 20 participating banner groups each year! If banners are made a couple of weeks BEFORE the CROP Walk, they can be held and used as colorful and visible aids for obtaining sponsors for the walk at your worship services on the weekend ***before*** the CROP Walk. Banner groups walk with their banners in our colorful CROP walk parade for one block after the walk Step-off. (Banners are collected later and driven back to the church.) Families are welcome to walk with their youth groups in the parade as desired..

- **THE 20+ CLUB PROGRAM: "A FREE T FOR ME!"**

To become a member of the Concord CROP Twenty Plus Club, individual walkers (youths or adults) must obtain **a minimum of twenty sponsors and/or on-line pledges** ***before*** the walk or have pledges totaling \$500 or more. Two sponsor envelopes are needed (or a sponsor addendum slip, available from your recruiter), as there is room for only sixteen sponsors on each envelope. Twenty sponsors entitle the walker to one free CROP T-shirt on the day of the walk. Names of individuals achieving Twenty Plus Club status are sent after the walk to the recruiters for their church or school. While two people (or a family) may work together to obtain twenty sponsors, only ***one*** shirt is awarded for twenty sponsors. Two shirts can be given for forty or more sponsors, three for sixty, etc. For youth groups working to gather sponsors on one envelope(s), **one** T-shirt will be awarded to the group for every 20 sponsors gathered in those sizes requested by the youth leader of the group.

- **THE CROP ART CONTEST**

After the walk, all young people are invited to create a design for the next CROP T-shirt, which is sold for \$13 on the day of the walk. The winner of the design contest receives a free T-shirt with his/her design the following October. **Young people may also bring designs with them to the walk. Computer art is also now accepted!!** And, of course, everyone can still make a design at the walk. A flyer about the art contest suitable for bulletin boards is available.

- **MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**

The Concord-Carlisle High School Pep Band under the direction of Al Dentino will provide pre-walk musical entertainment beginning at 1:30 p.m. We will also have musical entertainment by the "Yankee Stompers" Dixieland Jazz Band at the end of the walk back in the Parish Hall.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE STATEMENTS**

Because community service is now required in many area schools, the local CROP Board provides a statement of community service for young people. The statement should be filled out and turned in ***with the sponsor envelope*** when the envelope is turned in later. A minimum of \$100 raised in donations is required for the CROP board's signatures. Signed forms are sent to high school guidance offices by Thanksgiving. **Four hours** of community service is granted by most area high schools; this assumes approximately three hours spent walking and on pre-walk activities and one hour spent finding and collecting from sponsors. **Two hours** of community service is also granted for participation in one of the CROP musical events. Musicians are also able to gather sponsors for playing and earn additional community service credit.