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JOIN US!

To register as a walker, register a team, or make a donation on line, visit

www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny

According to a 2024 report on the "State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, 733 million people worldwide (9.1% of the population) experienced hunger in 2023. Climate change, global unrest, and food inflation are the major contributing factors. In the Capital Region, one in ten families experiences food insecurity. Some 68,000 people in our region use food pantries and soup kitchens to help make ends meet.

Out of the total funds raised by the Capital Region CROP Hunger Walks, 25% goes to local food pantries and soup kitchens. With so many people in our region using local free meal programs to provide adequate food for their families, this money is very helpful.

The remaining 75% of the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks helps support the work of Church World Service and its partners for hunger relief and development projects around the world. Visit www.cwsglobal.org to learn how CWS helps provide emergency food for refugees and disaster victims, improve access to clean water, and provide resources that empower and enable people to meet their own needs.

Walk with Us
VIRTUALLY or In PERSON

at the
JOHN U. MILLER
MEMORIAL
CROP HUNGER WALK
in Albany

for the
45th Annual
CAPITAL REGION
CROP
Hunger Walks
2025

on **SUNDAY**
MAY 4, 2025

New location!
St. Vincent de Paul Church
900 Madison Ave., Albany, NY • 12208

TAKE STEPS TO MAKE HUNGER DISAPPEAR!



Step One

FIRST: Visit the Albany CROP Hunger Walk Web Page to register as a walker and join or start a team. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/albanyny>

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Team Captains (Recruiters):

Plan to attend the **Recruiters Rally and Awards Celebration** on **Sunday, March 23**, from **3:00-4:30pm**, at the First Church in Albany, 110 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. Register to attend on the web site of the Capital Area Council of Churches:

www.capareacc.org

If you are unable to attend the rally, call the CACC office at 518-462-5450 or e-mail capareacc@gmail.com to make arrangements to pick up your materials.

At the the Rally, we will hear how Church World Service (CWS) is helping refugees and disaster victims and building resilient communities, as well as how our CROP Walk funds support a local food pantry.

We will also recognize the top groups from the 2024 Walk. Honorees include the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, Bethany Reformed Church, and the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany.

Step Two Walkers

THEN: Get a Walker Envelope from your team recruiter and invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers to sponsor you. With the increase in reliance on local food distribution programs and the possibility of a global famine on the horizon, raising money to help vulnerable people is more needed than ever.



Our Albany CROP Hunger Walk is named after the late Rev. John U. Miller, a former CACC Executive Director who cared so much about “the least, the lost, and the last”.

JOIN: Honorary Chair Christina Arangio (News 10ABC Morning News Anchor), members of the Miller family and others at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave. on **Sunday, May 4. Registration begins at 1:30 pm** in the church hall. Music by Will Vail in the sanctuary until the **Opening Ceremony at 2:15 pm**. The Walk officially **steps off at 2:30 pm**, with choices of a one-mile or a two and a quarter-mile loop.

WALK with us on **May 4**, or walk alone, with your family or in a small group in your own neighborhood or a nearby park any time during the month of May. Wherever or whenever you walk, please register as a walker on the Albany Walk website.

Step Three

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



You can collect checks as well as on-line pledges.

Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP. Turn your envelope in on Walk Day or give it to your Team Captain/Recruiter before the end of May.

All checks should be sent by **June 9:**

**CROP Walk c/o CACC Office
110 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12207**

Every walker will receive a CROP Walk 2025 t-shirt with the 45th Annual Walk logo (while supplies last).

Where does the money go?

The 2024 Albany CROP Hunger Walk ranked #6 (out of over 500 CROP Walks) in the nation in terms of funds raised with a total of \$102,616. One quarter of the funds raised was distributed to 26 food pantries, soup kitchens and other meal programs in and near Albany County. The local share of the 2024 Albany CROP Hunger Walk was \$25,654.

The other 75% was used by CWS and its partner agencies for global hunger relief and development programs, including improving access to clean water and assistance to displaced persons in the U.S. and internationally.