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Dear Sharing Friend,

"As for us, our days are like grass; we flower, ...the wind blows,... we are gone." *

This wisdom from the Psalms filled my being as I walked on Good Friday; a reminder that my life could end at any moment. Somehow rather than experiencing that singularity it felt as though dying would bring a melting back into the wholeness from which I came. **I walked in Joy!**

Irma Hopkins, my dear friend, walking for the 28th time at ninety years of age, put it this way. "The Good Friday Walk is such an inspirational time -to think Jesus lived to show us a way of life, of love and kindness, and died forgiving us of sin and sorrow, and lives today offering love, hope and grace --- how awesome is that!"

It seemed as if this year's Walk experience was wonderful for many others as well, people were smiling, sharing, and simply enjoying one another's company. There were so many people who had come from near and far to grace the picturesque streets of Hingham. They walked in twos, threes, alone or "in a bunch." They "walked" by working many hours to ensure a smooth and safe experience: managing our main check point (thank you Ellen), managing our crossing guards and drivers, (thank you Al, Anne and Colin), managing our main peanut butter and jelly operation, (thank you Karen).

Inspirational

- A tall, young father, Mark Hansberry, who first walked as a teen and who this time had carried his three year old son, Thomas, on his shoulders a good part of the way, finished by carrying him in his arms.
- Six year old Camden McPeck, whom I met for the first time on Easter morning at the Rockville United Methodist Church, walking for the first time walked twenty miles!
- The thirty-five residents of Elim Park retirement community in Cheshire CT, led faithfully by Betty Allen, whose ages ranged between eighty two and ninety two, participated in their sixth Walk.
- These seven year olds who walked twenty miles: John Coyes, Anna Gerow, Lydia Hansberry, Ethan Mayo, Matthew Morell, and Victoria Wollam

There were some long time regulars, whose absence was unavoidable, whom I missed seeing this year: Dave and Louise Bisson, Dave Dingley, Eddy Murray, Austin O'Connor, John and Alicia Seavey, and sadly my friend Diane Welch who lost her courageous battle with cancer some months ago.

May we live each day grounded by faith, working for justice and walking in Joy!

Please accept my gratitude for whatever part you played in making this particular evidence of God's Love happen.

I'll be in Mississippi and Alabama between May 16th and 31st. I go in your name bearing the fruits of our efforts.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Doherty".

* Songs of the Heart: Reflections on the Psalms, Joan Chittister OSB

Some highlights of our 2013 Good Friday Walk read, rejoice and give thanks!

Special **thanks** to the following people for their outstanding efforts:

- all those who generously **sponsored** others
- all those who left their comfort zone to do the **not-so-easy work** of **getting many sponsors**
- those who raised **between \$1,000 and \$1,300**, Ed Bartholomew, Teresa Doyle Smith, Faith Fenske, Bill Genovese, and Emily Harris
- those who raised **between \$1,400 and \$1,600**, Pat Carson, Rev. Stan Culy, Bill Larson and Judy Larson
- those who raised \$2,000, Rev. Don Rudalevige, Sue Rudalevige and Cathy Shires
- Rev. Rich Weisenbach who raised \$4,000
- **Awesome Austin O'Connor** who raised \$7,100!

**Thanks and Congratulations to all of the above
and to this year's Special Award Recipients**

700 miles		500 miles	
Wendell Paris	Byram, MS	Dave Bisson	Brockton, MA
Edward Smith	Huntington, MA	Rev. Stan Culy	Vernon, CT
Maggie Warshaw	Hull, MA	Mark Day	Brockton, MA
total to date 8		Michelle Gerow	Tolland, CT
600 miles		Kitty Whitely	Cohasset, MA
Ed Bartholomew	Hingham, MA	total to date 31	
Steve Yoder	South Windsor, CT	20 years	
total to date 15		Eleanor Duff	Hingham, MA
400 miles		Ralph Paige	East Point, GA
Rubbie Jenkins	Okolona, MS	William Pikor	Coventry, CT
Suzanne McAllister	Wellesley, MA	Claudia Steele	Vernon, CT
Karen Stearns	South Windsor, CT	Dave Waterman	Milton, MA
total to date 40		total to date 44	
300 miles		10 years	
Mark Hansberry	Hanover, NH	Jessica Collins	South Hadley, MA
Emily Harris	Mound Bayou, MS	Suzanne Collins	Cambridge, MA
Robert Mattern	Bolton, CT	John Confalone	Wakefield, MA
Chris Waterman	North Andover, MA	Marie Ryan	Melrose, MA
total to date 59		Alyson Stearns	South Windsor, CT
200 miles		Beth Stearns	South Windsor, CT
Alice DeNormandie	Pelham, NY	Lauren Stearns	South Windsor, CT
Natacha Francois	New Canaan, CT	Matthew Stearns	South Windsor, CT
Mary Ann Hermance	Scituate, MA	Richard Steele	Vernon, CT
Robert Powers	Southington, CT	Jayne Lynch	Melrose, MA
total to date 96		total to date 284	
30 years			
Mary Deame	Hanover, MA		
total to date 17			

2013 Good Friday Walk Locations

where		how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing
Bonita Springs	FL	2	\$500	\$500
Cheshire	CT	35	\$1,801	\$1,801
Falls Church	VA	4	\$240	\$240
Harvard	MA	367	\$29,071	\$5,800
Hingham	MA	310	\$56,500	\$56,500
Mystic	CT	57	\$3,400	\$2,550
Rockville	CT	193	\$13,729	\$9,152
South Hadley	MA	4	\$200	\$200
Springfield	MA	4	\$280	\$280
Wakefield	MA	37	\$7,103	\$4,734
Westford	MA	180	\$12,600	\$1,500?
Mt. Kirishima	Japan	1	\$500	\$500
Locations	13	1193	\$125,924	\$83,257