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Dear Sharing Friend,

## "BLACK LIVES MATTER"

This is an important thing to say. It is important for those of us who are "white" to engage our circle of friends and family members to explore the phenomenon, (this will not be easy). Because "one's perceptions are shaped by one's perspective," if your entire world, your church, your neighborhood, your work place, and your reading list is mainly "white", it will be difficult for you to comprehend what it's actually like for those of us who are African American.

But it matters. It really matters. If we are EVER to get closer to the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior's "Beloved Community" we must at least try.

Some of us who are "white" have been extraordinarily blessed by genuine relationships across "the color line". I am one of those fortunate people and I give thanks every day for that blessing. Forty plus years of visiting with and sharing life with African American families in the rural south have opened my heart as well as my eyes .

One example that comes from my first "teacher," Wendell Paris. After he knew that I had spent my early childhood in New Jersey he asked me some questions, among them:

Wendy "Did you go to the movies?"

Kay "Yes"

Wendy "Where did the "black" people sit?"

Kay "In the balcony".

Wendy "Well ?

Kay "Well what?"

I had assumed, naturally, that since I had chosen my seat, they had chosen theirs.


I believe that a Black baby born today, compared with a white one, has one strike against him or her. If that Black baby's family is economically poor, make that two strikes. These are the families Sharing seeks to assist.

One of the best tools to boost someone out of poverty is education. Sharing's Scholarship Program, established in 2001 has helped provide a boost to 112 individual students. To date the total amount awarded is \$206,800. Just this month Akilah Stringer, born and raised in Mound Bayou MS, is receiving her Doctor of Dental Surgery at Meharry Medical College in Nashville. Congratulations to Akilah!

Our 2016 Good Friday Walk proceeds will be distributed monthly in 2017 to three organizations we have long supported: The Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund, the Kemetec Institute in Mound Bayou MS, and the 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement. In addition we are committed to awarding twelve scholarships, five through the Federation, one high school senior from each state, and seven through 21C, one student from each active chapter.

This year we had the fewest number of walkers since the first Walk in 1972, only 126. And the smallest pledged total in a very long time, \$34,600.

**Please help us to boost the amount of money we will be able to give away in 2017.**

Shalom,  
  
Kay Doherty

## 2016 Special Award Recipients

<p style="text-align: center;">700 miles</p> <p>June Newman Braintree, MA total to date 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">600 miles</p> <p>Sherry Pearson Tolland CT Linda Sylvester Rockland MA total to date 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">500 miles</p> <p>Cindy Helwig Needham MA Jack Vercollone Pembroke MA total to date 33</p> <p style="text-align: center;">400 miles</p> <p>Pat Montgomery Hingham MA total to date 39</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 years</p> <p>Donna Cook Willington CT Peggy Della Dedham MA Laura Dolloff Enfield CT Michael Moynihan Raynham MA Len Trainer Hanover MA total to date 298</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">40+ years</p> <p>Michelle Doherty Braintree MA Al Donaghy Abington MA Anne Manna Hanover MA Mary Beth Worrick Quincy MA Nancy Reid Abington MA total to date 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30 years</p> <p>Sandy Blout Melrose MA Irma Hopkins Lynn MA Ginny Roche Marshfield MA Clayton Stone Abington MA Jody Wood Hanover MA total to date 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 years</p> <p>Al Alexander Hanover MA Kristin Draper Canton MA Bob Mattern Bolton CT total to date 43</p> <p style="text-align: center;">200 miles</p> <p>Beth Stearns South Windsor CT Lauren Stearns South Windsor CT Matthew Stearns South Windsor CT total to date 101</p>
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### 2016 Good Friday Walk Locations

where	how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing	
Bridgewater, MA	7		\$300	
Cheshire, CT	30	\$1,478	\$1,478	
Falls Church, VA	3	\$135	\$135	
Harvard, MA	176	\$15,000	\$1,500	
Hingham, MA	203	\$34,600	\$34,600	
Lynn, MA	7	\$700	\$700	
Mystic, CT	50	\$5,364	\$4,023	
Mound Bayou, MS	7	\$880	\$880	
Rockville, CT	182	\$11,094	\$7,396	
Waterbury, VT	1	\$1,500	\$1,467	
Other	14	\$2,900	\$2,900	
Locations	10	680	\$73,651	\$55,379

### SOLO WALKER LOCATIONS:

IN MASSACHUSETTS: BRAINTREE, BRIDGEWATER, COHASSET, HINGHAM, LAKEVILLE, LEXINGTON, MILTON, WAKEFIELD, and  
PORT LUCIE, FL, VERO BEACH FL and YARMOUTH ME