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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

CROP WALK – Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) (www.afac.org)

What	<p>CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.</p> <p>This is the 31st year Crop Walk has been held in Arlington County. Last year, the Arlington Crop Walk raised \$52,000, of which \$13,000 was given to AFAC.</p>
Where	<p>Starts at Arlington Forest United Methodist Church (4701 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22203).</p> <p>There is a 10k and a 5k route. Children and dogs welcome.</p>
When	<p>Saturday, October 15th</p> <p>Registration/Check-in: 8:15am</p> <p>Walk starts: 9am</p> <p>Online registration: http://tinyurl.com/5v7nth7</p>
Why	<p>AFAC is an independent, community-based non-profit food pantry that provides dignified access to nutritious supplemental groceries to all our Arlington neighbors in need. We serve approximately 1,500 client families on a weekly basis at twelve distribution sites throughout Arlington County. The week of October 1st, we served a high of 1,600 client families.</p> <p>Fred Jones, Event Organizer: <i>“Everyone can participate in the CROP Walk, as a walker or as a sponsor. It's so easy to make a difference in the fight against hunger. The walk is fun, being hungry is not.”</i></p> <p>Charles Meng, AFAC Executive Director: <i>“CROP Walk helps us provide food for families locally, while also helping children and families worldwide. It is important for AFAC to be a part of a worldwide movement to help feed needy families.”</i></p> <p>To learn more about how you can be involved in our community, please visit www.afac.org or call 703-845-8486.</p>