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# C A P E W A L K

## Walk Marches into Twentieth Year *Community Rallies to Make the Dream Real*

We have to admit: We were a little worried about this year's Cape Walk to End Homelessness.

Hurricane Katrina hit in early September, and everyone, including HAC staff, seemed to be giving generously to the major relief organizations. Would that affect donations to HAC? Would people still care?

Gas prices skyrocketed. Would people feeling the pinch need to cut back on their pledges?

The department organizing the event, Resource Development, had just lost their director. Would they be able to pull it off anyway?

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The answer to all those questions was as clear as the day was itself: Despite (or, perhaps, because of) Hurricane Katrina, people do care; despite rising fuel costs, they still find a way to make a pledge; and the Resource Development Department is made up of dedicated, hard-working people who get the job done – no matter what.

This year's Walk had some major differences over previous years. The first two changes were planned. First, we turned this year's *Walk* into more of a *March*. Participants carried signs and wore slogans on their shirts to help educate passers-by on the idea that everyone needs a place to call home. Second, we created a more festive atmosphere at all three Walk sites, providing face painting, tattoos, musical entertainment, and refreshments to our Walkers.

A third major difference came via our board of directors, which answered a challenge by Board President Ed Mangiafico to get more involved. In addition to raising thousands of dollars in pledges, they personally contributed over \$8,000, helped with the planning, worked at the sites, and picked up signs and walked. Their efforts had a tremendous impact, not just on the bottom line but on staff, whose spirits were buoyed by the personal dedication of these special volunteers.

Thanks to our hundreds of dedicated Walkers and thousands of donors, nearly \$150,000 has been collected.



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Speak out for housing

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# Businesses Help Make the Dream Real

## ***Businesses Sponsor Walk***

In 2005 HAC packaged an event sponsorship program for the agency's three major events: the Walk, the annual fall gala, and the NOAH telethon. TD Banknorth, Rogers and Gray Insurance, U.S. Trust, and the Cape Cod Times were the first to step forward to sponsor the Walk. Not only did these companies help underwrite some of the expenses, but they also encouraged their employees to participate in the Walk.

HAC is gearing up for the year ahead. For more information on how your organization can make the dream real, contact Hilary Greene at 508-771-5400 ext. 274 or by email at [hgreene@haconcapecod.org](mailto:hgreene@haconcapecod.org).

## ***Verizon Workers Support Walk***

Verizon and its employees contributed \$50,781 to the 20th Annual Walk to End Homelessness - Homes for Cape Codders.

A group of 10 Verizon employees raised \$25,781 in donations from friends and families, qualifying them for a match up to \$25,000 from the Verizon Foundation through its Verizon Volunteer Incentive Program. Many donors give directly to HAC and request the money be pledged to the team.

The Verizon Foundation donation is a result of the work by Verizon employee Trish Conti, her fifth year organizing a team. Since 2001 the Foundation has donated \$117,000 as a result of the team's efforts.

## **Donations at work!**

During 2005 many local families and individuals have received help from the programs the Walk supports. Because of your help, in the past year:

- 208 families stayed in HAC's shelters, including nearly 500 children.
- 676 families were prevented from becoming homeless, including 1,352 children.
- NOAH Center recorded 22,725 visits and served 45,450 meals.



*County Commissioner William Doherty cuts the ribbon to start the Walk in Orleans.*

## ***Orleans***

We were back in Orleans after taking the Walk to Eastham years ago. This was a gorgeous route for a gorgeous day. Nauset High School students did body-painting before the Walk, while folk musician Sarah Burrill entertained. Special thanks to employees of Seamen's Bank who volunteered and had a team. Many thanks to Board member Chris Wise, master of ceremonies, and to former Board President Phil Mitchell for sending Walkers off in the right spirit. Barnstable County Commissioner Bill Doherty took registrations before cutting the ribbon to get Walkers on their way. Many thanks to other participating board members, including Dan Wolf, Joan Bassett, and P.J. Rainwater.



*HAC Board member P.J. Rainwater takes a break from taking pictures to get painted.*



*New Orleans guest Don Vavasieur serves up jambalaya in Hyannis.*

**Hyannis**

Face-painting, tattoos, and music before and after the Walk made for a festive day in Hyannis. Board member Dick Weir served as pre-Walk master of ceremonies. He was joined on the flatbed stage by Rick Presbrey, who challenged all Walkers to march, rather than walk, this year. Students from DY High School not only painted faces but helped set up and clean up. Earl Hayes, an evacuee staying at Camp Edwards, thanked HAC and the people of Cape Cod for their support and hospitality. Staffer Pam Parker led those gathered in prayer, before Hayes joined County Commissioner Mary LeClair to cut the ribbon and start the Walk. After the five-mile trek through Hyannis and Hyannisport, Walkers were treated to jambalaya, prepared by Hayes and fellow evacuee Don Vavasieur, baked goods made by staff and guests at Angel House, and music performed by the bands F.Y.I. and 28.



*F.Y.I. kick off the walk in Hyannis for the fourth straight year.*



*Rabbi Elias Lieberman addresses the crowd on the Falmouth Village Green.*

**Falmouth**

WQRC's Cheryl Park spun records (ok, CD's) for Walkers while they waited to step off from the Village Green. Trainers from Balanced Health and Fitness led Walkers in warm-up exercises, and kids got a chance for some face-painting and tattoos – all on Falmouth's Village Green. Rabbi Elias Lieberman, a longtime supporter of the Walk, shared some inspirational thoughts on the event. Many thanks to Board member Sallie Riggs who cut the ribbon and to Walker Bob Livingstone, who hasn't missed a Cape Walk yet.



*Walkers raise the housing spirit on Falmouth streets.*



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*Speak out for housing by*  
*joining us on*  
*September 17, 2006!*



*Rick Presbrey hands out signs to Walkers as Dick Weir and Pam Parker look on.*



*Karen Chorches, Falmouth area organizer, waits for the Walk to begin.*



*Hilary Greene welcomes walkers in Falmouth. Special thanks to WQRC's Cheryl Park for DJ-ing the event.*



*Falmouth High School Key Club members paint faces in Falmouth.*



*Event coordinator Deanna Bussiere poses with David Bussiere, lead singer of F.Y.I.*



*Elias Benaka participates in his first Walk.*

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