

Walkers join fight against world hunger

WHEN THE LAST walker checked out for the day the bottom line read \$19,214.45 that had been pledged by Farmington area residents to alleviate world hunger.

"Every year we go up a thousand or two," said Paul Schikora, whose job it was to see that things kept running smoothly from the basement of First United Methodist Church of Farmington, which served as headquarters for this year's CROP Walk Against Hunger.

"Last year the final figure at the end of the walk was \$18,400 something, but when the pledges were all in we ended up with about \$21,000.

So it's a good bet we'll top that \$21,000 this year."

Walkers representing 13 area churches, Neighborhood House and Head Start started checking in at 1 p.m. Sunday ready for their 10 kilometer trek. But first they stopped in the church sanctuary to be led in prayer for the people who live in the developing countries of the world, and saw movies which showed what their CROP Walk dollars were doing both here and abroad.

The walk is sponsored by Church World Service which provides hunger relief, and money for agriculture education, social and economic development in 70 countries.

Of whatever amount is collected here, 75 percent is earmarked for Church World Service and 25 percent is distributed to local agencies.

THE WALK HERE was the first of 12 walks scheduled for the April-May season in the metro area. The four-county Detroit area raised more money for Church World Service than any other USA metro-area in 1989 with \$460,000.

The long-term relationship of Church World Service to Christian relief and development partner agencies enables the poorest peoples lives to be enhanced through resource sharing and human development programs — in addition to shared understanding of human needs through the partnership.

Co-chairmen for the local walk this year are Kathy Sutton of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and Judy Hauser from Orchard United Methodist Church.

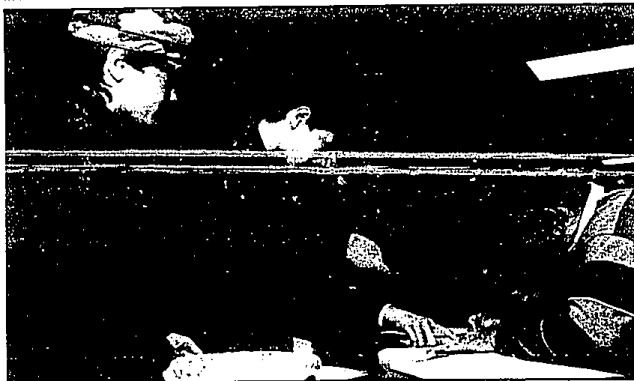
Unocal 76 Products supplied the walkers with T-shirts. Salvation Army canteens and checkpoints lined the walkers' route through downtown Farmington.



CROP Walkers (above) crossing Power Road on Grand River represented 13 churches, Neighborhood House and Head Start. After the walk Nicole White and Marilyn Zeros (at right) congratulate one another for finishing the 10-kilometer route.



Carol Nix and her Belgium shephard J'amimie took their walk in look-alike T-shirts.



Nick Eddy, Jimmy McGovern and Georgia McGovern check in with registrar Roy Crain in the basement of First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Photos by Ed Conley



Rick Neumann (in front) was one of several hundred CROP walkers who stopped to say a prayer for the hungry people in the world before beginning their afternoon walk against hunger.

4 from Michigan chosen by Society

Four Michigan artists are exhibiting their paintings in the 123rd Annual International Exhibition of American Watercolor Society on display at New York's Salmagundi Club galleries through April 29.

Jack R. Brower of Grand Rap-

ids is showing a painting called "Rogue River." Northville artist Tom Hale has a work titled "1954 Cadillac," and Royland Roycraft of Beulah exhibits a painting called "Awesome Autumn." Farmington artist Donna M. Vogelheim's painting

is "Big Shooter & Friends in November." The juried exhibition of more than 125 paintings represents outstanding works in watercolor by artists from 27 states, Puerto Rico, British Columbia and Singapore.

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