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"I weep for things that can never be
for much beyond just you and me
for pieces of self, offered yet spurned
dreams of unity for which I yearn.
I weep for all the closed doors
the healing power held inside
eager to soothe up and down the valleys of wounds."

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"Weeping, my soul, my heart, my entire being:
the young, crying, bewildered orphan of war,
the family, torn asunder,
us, looking across artificial barriers with scorn,
the utterly crushed spirit.

It is you, Lord. Help us please."

Dear Sharing Friend,

The first prayer above, I wrote in 1975. The second took shape as I walked this Good Friday. Each day since then, as I calculated Hingham's pledged total, I've been in shock. And I've prayed the final phrase as, "Help me Lord, help me". Help me accept a pledged total of **\$14,000 less** than what it was last year.

For a good number of years Sharing has been able to send at least \$1,000 each month to The Federation of Southern Co-operatives/Land Assistance Fund, the Kemetic Institute in Mound Bayou, MS, and the 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement. Plus awarding at least \$12,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

As you no doubt realize, I love walking on Good Friday. What is it, you might ask, that had me, this year, still looking forward with joyful anticipation to my 47th Walk? Let's see, "let me count the ways.

As I walk, filled with the awareness of what day it actually is, I sink into a silence rich with presence: the reality of suffering children, the belief in Jesus' sacrificial love, and the community of people of faith, people of all beliefs.

In addition to the spiritual benefit that many participants express, your support has also brought about substantive, positive change. One of the past recipients of a Sharing scholarship, Shiriki Cavitt, penned this in a letter to me, but as a Sharing supporter it was also intended for you:

I wanted to write you . . . to let you know that you are ever in my thoughts and prayers. I have just completed my first year as an attorney and have been able to enhance my talents and skills as an advocate. Please know that it is the prayers and kindness of angels like yourselves that have enable me to come to this point in my life and for that I am deeply grateful. . . . God bless and keep you.

To each of you who contributed of your time, talent and/or treasure, please accept my deepest gratitude. May your blessings be plentiful, and may you be a blessing to many.

Shalom,

2018 Special Award Recipients

<p style="text-align: center;">800 miles</p> <p>Mark Thompson Tolland, CT total to date 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">45 years</p> <p>George Kelly Scituate, MA total to date 1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">700 miles</p> <p>Colleen Benevides Kingston, MA Janice Klingman Ellington, CT George Klingman Ellington, CT total to date 14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">35 years</p> <p>Mary Deame Hanson, MA Barbara Moynihan Raynham, MA Steve Yoder S. Windsor, CT total to date 8</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">600 miles</p> <p>Mark Day, Sr. Newton, MA Judy Larson Norwell, MA total to date 16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30 years</p> <p>Stan Culy Vernon, CT Judy Gordon Wakefield, MA Pat Montgomery Hanover, MA total to date 18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">500 miles</p> <p>Ruth Hall Kingston, MA 20 years Karen Stearns Coventry, CT total to date 33</p>	<p>Sandy Bogan Gardner, MA Jane Harvell Vernon, CT Kathleen McGonagle Hingham, MA total to date 46</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">400 miles</p> <p>Alfred Alexander Hanover, MA Marylou Waterman Melrose, MA total to date 40</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10 years</p> <p>Jeff Benevides Kingston, MA Jenson Benevides Kingston, MA Rosalie Benevides Kingston, MA Lenore Christenson. E. Bridgewater, MA Charlotte Gerow Tolland, CT Rena Lukoski Hanover, MA Linda Nichols Willington, CT Gayle Walsh Marshfield, MA total to date 307</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">300 miles</p> <p>Alice DeNormandie Pelham, NY Frank Donaghy Stoughton, MA Michael Goodhue Norwell, MA Mary Ann Hermance Scituate, MA Lizzie Shaul Canton, MA Mary Beth Worrick Hingham, MA total to date 66</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">200 miles</p> <p>Nat Woodruff Vernon, CT total to date 108</p>	

2017 Good Friday Walk Locations			
where	how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing
Cheshire, CT	10	\$825	\$825
East Bridgewater	5	\$200	\$200
Falls Church, VA	2	\$250	\$250
Harvard, MA	182	\$13,960	\$1,396
Hingham, MA	167	\$30,000	\$30,000
Lexington, MA	1	\$1,820	\$1,820
Lynn, MA	1	\$500	\$500
Portland, ME	2	\$6,806	\$6,806
Portland, OR	1	\$100	\$100
Mystic, CT	50	\$3,950	\$2,960
Rockville, CT	160	\$10,775	\$7,200
Rockland, MA	1	\$1,000	\$1,000
Waterbury, VT	1	\$1,000	\$1,000
Totals	583	\$71,186	\$54,057

SOLO WALKER LOCATIONS:

In Massachusetts: Cohasset, Hingham, Milton, Rehoboth, Wakefield and Waltham, and Bonita Springs, FL