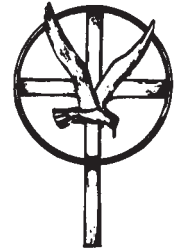


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Dear Sharing Friend,

"Stand together for what you believe.  
Work for what must be done.  
Love each other in all that you do.  
Till all my people are one." \*

A young African American man driving on a street in Selma Alabama is pulled over by a policeman. Why? Was he speeding? NO. Was he driving erratically? NO. Was he driving without a license plate, or with a broken taillight? NO. He was simply "driving while black."

The officer approached the car and, assuming the white powder-like substance on the young man's lap to be drugs, roughly pulled him out of the car. A second officer with a police dog approached and in the ensuing roughness the young man was bitten on the arm. He was retained. The substance was revealed to be crumbs from a sandwich.

"Driving while black" is a long-standing, well-known phenomenon. Many of us who are white carry the subconscious perception that black men, especially young ones are to be feared. This reality is but one among many reasons that Sharing has supported the Twenty-First Century Youth Leadership Movement (21C) for a dozen or more years.

21C was founded in 1986 by a small group of African American civil rights activists mainly from Alabama. Eligible students -- junior and senior high school students -- organized by chapters in their local community and guided by an "elder" meet several times a month. The focus is on having the individual person recognize and develop his or her leadership skills.

Scheduled throughout the year are "Camps," the longest one being held in the summer. I was fortunate enough to attend this year's session in Selma Alabama from July 13 through the 17. It was beautiful to observe: the twenty-some year olds serving as counselor/leaders; the eighth grader--a shy young woman who had never been away from home before blossoming and mingling easily with new friends before the Camp was over; the awesome camaraderie that developed as they shared the call and response of 21C's Motto.

**I am a 21st Century Leader  
I must prepare myself to be the very best that I can be  
I must prepare my body, my spirit and my mind  
And in time I'll shine, you'll shine, we'll shine  
And the light of Love, Justice and Peace  
Will shine in the 21st Century Like never before.**

## Special Announcements

Sharing has received a bequest of slightly more than \$20,000 from the estate of the late Dorothea E. Wright. This will be distributed among the active 21C chapters for a one time, special community improvement project chosen by each chapter. This idea was inspired by the Boys Scouts of America Eagle Scout Badge requirement.

Sharing has established the Carol and John Zippert Youth Leadership Scholarship to honor Carol and John's outstanding faithfulness, service and commitment to the fight for justice for people and their steadfast fight to eradicate poverty facing people in Alabama and across the nation. They are great mentors for young people, helping them to lift their communities. Sharing will provide a \$1,000 scholarship each year to one graduating high school senior in each active 21C chapter.

Thank you for the ways you stand for what you believe, work for what must be done, and try to love each other in all that you do.  
**We Are One.**

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Doherty".

\* Ray Repp

**2014 Walk Financial Statement  
As of July 31, 2014**

**Income**

Hingham Walk	52,742
Rockville Walk	9,984
Wakefield Walk	1,878
Other Walks	9,960

<b>Total 74,564</b>	<b>\$74,564</b>
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**Expenses**

Awards	697
Food & supplies	670
Insurance	300
Kay's trip south	1,540
Miscellaneous	293
Police protection	961
Printing	790
School use	398

**Total 5,649**

<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>\$68,915</b>
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**Distributed as of 7-31-2014**

Federation of Southern Co-ops	3,811
Kemetic Institute	4,718
Wakefield Food Pantry)	376
Tri-Town Shelter (Rockville Walk)	3,250

**Total 12,155**

<b>Balance available for distribution</b>	<b>\$56,760</b>
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**Pledged for 2015 distribution**

Federation of Southern Co-ops	Epes AL/Atlanta GA	12,000
House of Joy Day Care	Okolona MS	6,000?
Kemetic Institute	Mound Bayou MS	9,000
21st Century Youth Leadership	Selma AL	12,000
Sharing's Scholarship Program		17,000