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Holy Saturday 2012

Dear Sharing Friend,

**"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame..." ***

This melody came from my soul, filled my heart and tumbled forth into the universe throughout my Walk on Good Friday. I pictured Mary, Jesus' mother, watching in horror as her beautiful son -- innocent of any crime - his body wracked with pain, hung dying on the shameful cross. How strong she had to be to remain with him: her tears bitter, her heart broken.

"A mother's grace and grieving..." **

On February 26th in Sanford Florida, another beautiful son, seventeen year old Trayvon Martin, - innocent of any crime - was shot dead by a known assailant.

Today, five weeks later there has been no arrest. Another mother, Sybrina Fulton, and a father, Tracy Martin, grief-stricken, dignified, desperate to get justice for their son, held a press conference. I can still hear her voice saying, "Trayvon was my son. Trayvon was your son."

Racism, our country's "original sin" is deeply ingrained in our society and institutions. Racism highly values white skin and white culture and de-values every single beautiful shade of brown and black skin. Its effects are evidenced particularly in language, education and the criminal justice system. It operates subconsciously shaping one's perspective.

During the past forty years of traveling to Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia I have been greatly blessed to come to know, love and be loved in return by many African Americans. Even though I have grown to understand racism and its flip side, "white privilege"***, I will never be able to feel the justified fear of African American parents for their children, especially their sons.

Sharing's Response

To help counter the effects of racism, Good Friday Walk proceeds, in accordance with Sharing's Mission Statement, have provided more than \$164,000 in college and post-graduate scholarships to eighty-six African American students.

Also Sharing has given over 9,500 books, by and about African Americans, to projects in Mississippi and Alabama. Currently these books are being sent to ninety-three public schools in rural Alabama.

Please accept my thanks for whatever part you have played in making all this happen.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

* words and music by Reverend George Bennard

** Charles M. Blow, New York Times 3-25-2012

*** Peggy McIntosh PhD

**Some highlights of our 2012 Good Friday Walk
read, rejoice and give thanks!**

Special thanks to the following people for their outstanding efforts:

- **Amazing six year olds Anna Gerow, and Kathryn Dawson-Townsend who walked 20 miles**
- **all those who generously sponsored others**
- **all those who did the not-so-easy work of getting many sponsors**
- **these who raised between \$1,000 and \$1,600, Ed Bartholomew, Nkeba Bell, Pat Carson, Rev. Stan Culy, Faith Fenske, Bill Genovese, Michael Goodhue, Emily Harris, Joe McCollough, Ralph Paige, Sr. Mary Samson, Maggie Warshaw**
- **those who raised between \$1,900 and \$2,500 Bill & Judy Larson, Shires Family, John Zippert**
- **Rev. Rich Weisenbach who raised \$3,360**
- **Rev Don and Sue Rudalevige who raised \$5,000**
- **Awesome Austin O'Connor who raised \$6,265!!**

**Thanks and Congratulations to all of the above
and to this year's Special Award Recipients**

700 miles		200 miles	
Faith Fenske	Lexington, MA	Ali Genovese	Hingham, MA
Mark Thompson	Tolland, CT	Leigh Hayden	Middletown, CT
total to date 5		Jennifer Marinko	Coventry, CT
600 miles		Elizabeth Shaul	Canton, MA
Janice Klingman	Ellington, CT	Alyssa Thompson	Tolland, CT
Bill Larson	Norwell, MA	total to date 96	
Karen Smith	Huntington, MA	30 years	
total to date 16		John Zippert	Eutaw, AL
400 miles		total to date 16	
Lani Armelin	Ellington, CT	20 years	
Paula Carmichael	Windham, NH	Craig Thompson	South Windsor, CT
Teresa DoyleSmith	Rockland, MA	Marylou Waterman	Melrose, MA
Patti Vaughn	Hanover, MA	total to date 40	
total to date 42		10 years	
300 miles		Natacha Francois	NewCanaan, CT
Harriet Chmela	Lexington, MA	Margie Wollam	Cohasset, MA
Austin O'Connor	Hingham, MA	total to date 274	
total to date 58			

2012 Good Friday Walk Locations

where	how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing
Atlanta, GA	1	\$100	\$100
Blowing Rock, NC	1	\$25	\$25
Bonita Springs, FL	2	\$250	\$250
Bridgewater, MA	8	\$200	\$200
Cheshire, CT	50	\$1,520	\$1,520
Cocoa Beach, FL	1	\$1,190	\$1,190
E. Bridgewater, MA	14	\$110	\$110
Falls Church, VA	4	\$240	\$240
Harvard, MA	355	\$21,860	\$4,370
Hingham, MA	325	\$58,600	\$58,600
Mystic, CT	100	\$4,425	\$1,105
Rockville, CT	201	\$13,700	\$9,130
Singer Island, FL	1	\$1,085	\$1,085
South Hadley, MA	4	\$200	\$200
Springfield, MA	\$240	\$240	\$240
Wakefield, MA	43	\$6,445	\$4,295
Wakefield, MA	3	\$820	\$820
Westford, MA	170	\$15,000	\$1,000?
locations 18	1523	\$132,460	\$84,480