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In 2013 Sharing had \$83,257 to distribute to our organizations in the south. This year, due primarily to Good Friday being the start of school vacation, we will only have \$66,500.

Please help us close that gap.
Every dollar will count.

Thanks



May 2014

Dear Sharing Friend,

"Life is full of miracles disguised as the ordinary" *

Indeed on the face of it April 18, 2014 was an ordinary day. Yet from my perspective it was far from ordinary, it was miraculous.

- On January 14th, while driving in the middle lane of I84 in Connecticut, a momentary loss of consciousness had brought me close to death. There could easily have been a multi-car accident, but there wasn't. I give thanks continuously!
- April 18th was the 28,321st day I had received the gift of life!
- April 18th had 900 plus people celebrating Good Friday by walking and/or working on a Walk to raise funds for others. According to Macrina Wiederkehr O.S.B. to celebrate is "to be radically present to the message received". Isn't the message of Jesus' life one of sacrificial love, active love beyond mere words? As our Purple Foot Award has stated for years, "God is a verb and that verb is Love".

What had begun as a simple impulse to help some families in the Mississippi Delta has been conflated by the Spirit "...from a solemn observance into a sacred celebration of unconditional love in which the Christ spirit lives..."** When you read the figures that follow you might also call them miraculous!

Walking on Good Friday, ever since my first one in 1972, has been liturgy for me, love's liturgy. Thanks to the generosity of Davis Taylor, then the publisher of the Boston Globe, who sent me to Mississippi after that first Walk, I have been so blessed, so enriched by the experiences and relationships that have developed over the years.

These relationships and experiences have introduced me to a world seemingly quite different from my own. Most significantly, as a "white" woman, I have been able to glimpse life from the perspective of African Americans. It has been a rich Spirit-led journey for which I also give thanks daily.

May we live each day grounded by faith, working for justice and walking in Joy!

Please accept my gratitude for whatever part you played in making this particular evidence of God's Love happen.

Shalom,

Kay Doherty

*Joan Chittister O.S.B.

**Charlanne VanWormer

Some highlights of our 2014 Good Friday Walk: read, rejoice and give thanks!

Special thanks to the following people for their outstanding efforts:

- all those who generously **sponsored** others
- all those who left their comfort zone to do the **not-so-easy work of getting many sponsors**
- those who raised **between \$500 and \$900**, Alma C Campbell, Rev. Stan Culy Dave Dingley, Robert Mattern, Laura McConaughay, George Paris, Rubbie Jenkins, Michael Goodhue, Emily Harris, Elizabeth Shaul,
- those who raised around **\$1,000**, Teresa Doyle Smith, John Zippert
- those who raised around **\$1,500**, Faith Fenske, Bill Larson, Judy Larson, Ralph Paige
- those who raised around **\$2,000**, Bill Genovese, Rev. Don Rudalevige, Sue Rudalevige, Cathy Shires
- **Awesome Austin O'Connor** who raised **\$7,100!**

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

	800 miles			40+ years	
Dave Dingley		Holbrook, MA	Ellen Donaghy		Abington, MA
	total to date 1		George Kelly		Scituate, MA
	700 miles		Jane Thompson		Manchester, CT
Colleen Benevides		Kingston, MA	Dick Thompson		Manchester, CT
Sue Rudalevige		Cape Elizabeth, ME	Nancy Thurson		Hingham, MA
	total to date 9			total to date 5	
	600 miles			35 years	
Carol Bradford		Middleboro, MA	Karen Smith		Huntington, MA
Bob Fanning		Pembroke, MA	Jack Wilke		Ellington, CT
Sylvia Yoder		South Windsor, CT	Judy Wilkie		Ellington, CT
	total to date 16		Maggie Warshaw		Hull, MA
	500 miles			total to date 11	
Bill Genovese		Hingham, MA		30 years	
Jim MacDonald		Abington, MA	Nancy Hansberry		Hingham, MA
Cathy Shires		Medway, MA	Shirley Hayes		Weymouth, MA
Leah Smith		Huntington, MA	Judy Larson		Norwell, MA
David Vaughn		Scituate, MA		total to date 16	
	total to date 33			10 years	
	300 miles		Bunny Cinquegrano		Hingham, MA
Melaina Genovese		Hingham, MA	Kristy Dohaghy		Nashua, NH
Jen Peck		Broad Brook, CT	Kevin Driscoll		Canton, MA
	total to date 61		Donna Eliasson		Holbrook, MA
	200 miles		Josh Genovese		Hingham, MA
Veronica Duro		Braintree, MA	Terri Goldich		Rockville, CXT
Julia Genovese		Hingham, MA	Marshall Loveday		Ellington, CT
Alyson Stearns		So. Windsor, CT	Annie Martin		Falls Church, VA
Jane Tatlock		Lincoln, MA	Carolyn Moran		Plymouth, MA
	total to date 98		Chris Moynihan		Raynham, MA
			Sue Petersen		Hanover, MA
			Shaylyn Roach		Weymouth, MA
			Sarah Russell		Abington, MA
			Linda Ryan		Hingham, MA
			Joy Thomson		Hingham, MA
			Liesa Waterman		No. Andover, MA
				total to date 296	

2014 Good Friday Walk Locations

where		how many people	how much pledged	amount for Sharing
Cheshire	CT	29	\$1,571	\$1,571
Falls Church	VA	4	\$200	\$200
Harvard	MA	210	\$23,326	\$2,322
Hingham	MA	261	\$50,000	\$50,000
Mystic	CT	75	\$5,321	\$3,991
Rockville	CT	169	\$9,210	\$6,140
South Hadley	MA	4	\$200	\$200
Wakefield	MA	10	\$1,638	\$1,312
Westford	MA	140	\$13,132	\$750
Locations	9	902	\$104,598	\$66,486