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This year makes an even dozen for the annual CROP Hunger Walk, the shoreline event that strings walkers between Madison in Guilford in an effort to raise money for, and awareness of, those who must make a daily quest for food.

The event's statement "We Walk Because They Walk" is a statement of solidarity with millions of people from developing countries who walk miles every day to meet the basic needs of finding water, food, and fuel, explained CROP Hunger Walk organizer Betsy Work of Guilford.

Work organizes the walk annually, reaching out to faith groups of every denomination and other shoreline organizations. This year's 14 groups include two new factions from outside Guilford and Madison.

"This year, North Branford is new in the CROP Walk," said Work, noting participation from both North Branford Congregational Church and Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford.

At 1:30 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Oct. 3, CROP walk supporters will step off from the Guilford and Madison town greens (walkers from Madison assemble on the Madison Green). During a five-mile trip, walkers will cross paths along the way, as each group heads to the opposite town green. Each walker will be sponsored by donors. All of the money walkers raise will be divided among three local agencies and Church World Service, a non-profit ministry supporting national and international life-sustaining programs.

The three local agencies benefiting from CROP Walk are Guilford Ministry's Meals on Wheels, Madison Community Services, and Christian Community Action Center of New Haven.

"In 2009, between three and four hundred walkers from 16 cooperating organizations in our Madison-Guilford CROP Walk raised \$20,000," said Work, who is hoping to see even more walkers come out to participate this year.

Guilford-Madison CROP Walk sponsorship forms are available by calling 203-458-7708 or 203-799-5012, or in Guilford at Christ Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church, North Guilford Congregational Church, St. George Roman Catholic Church, and St. John's Episcopal Church of North Guilford. In Madison, forms are available through First Congregational Church, Hand Interact Club, North Madison Congregational Church, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church, Temple Beth Tikvah, and the Unitarian Universalist Society. In North Branford, forms are at North Branford Congregational Church and Zion Episcopal Church.