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NORTHWEST SIDE HUNGER WALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



Members of the Resurrection Key Club and Celtic Club helped create the banner for the 2018 Northwest Side Hunger Walk. A leadership breakfast to spearhead the event was held on September 7, 2018, at Resurrection College Prep.

In the United States, over 16 million children, or 1 out of every 5 children, live in a household that struggles to put food on the table. In Illinois, over 25% of children, or 593,186 children under the age of 18, live with food insecurity. The month of September is National Hunger Action Month and the 2018 Northwest Side Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, September 30, 2018**, to raise awareness and funds in an effort to reduce hunger in the local community and throughout the world. The walk will begin and end at Resurrection College Prep High School at 7500 W. Talcott Avenue in Chicago. Participants do not need to register in advance. Sign-in will

be at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 30 in the Resurrection College Prep parking lot. Walkers will step off at 1:30 pm for the approximately 2.2 mile walk. All community members are welcome to participate. Information and a pledge sheet can be found at www.reshs.org or donations can be made the day of the walk.

The annual Northwest Side Hunger Walk is an ecumenical effort by local churches and the community and funds will be donated to the following organizations: New Hope Methodist Food Pantry, which serves neighborhood residents on the northwest side Chicago; Catholic Charities, which serves the Chicagoland area; and Heifer International which serves the international community.

Each year, since 1985, hundreds of students, parishioners and neighbors have participated in the Northwest Side Hunger Walk. On Friday, September 7, 2018 the student leaders at Resurrection College Prep High School held an annual Leadership Breakfast to prepare for the annual hunger walk and had the opportunity to listen to speakers talk about the role of various agencies in helping to alleviate hunger and food scarcity. These speakers included the following members of the Northwest Side Hunger Walk Steering Committee: Reverend Marilyn Deering (Executive Director of the New Hope Community Food Pantry), Jim Lifton (Friendship Presbyterian Church in Norwood Park), and Mike Longo (Resurrection College Prep faculty member). Additional speakers included Kate LeFevour, Project Director of Special Events, Community Development and Outreach Services at Catholic Charities and members of the Resurrection administrative team. The Resurrection Key Club and Celtic Club are instrumental in organizing the event each year, creating the banner for the walk, and helping to rally support for the walk. All community members are welcome to participate. Questions may be directed to Kathleen Heneghan at 773.775.6616 Ext 125 or kheneghan@reshs.org.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls' Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.