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Bay View Association Receives National Recognition for CROP Hunger Walk

Helping to End Hunger and Poverty Around the World

Petoskey— April 30, 2019 — Bay View Association is delighted to announce that the Church World Service Organization of the Crop Hunger Walk has awarded a *Certificate of Appreciation* to the 2018 Little Traverse (Petoskey/Bay View) fundraising team. The Bay View “team” is ranked in the top 100 fundraising teams nationally (40th in the Country) for 2018. The hard working Bay View participants raised \$8,999.00 to help end hunger and poverty around the world.

Last spring The Little Traverse Crop Walk raised a total of \$25,469, ranking 66th in the nation out of 800 walks and 10th in Michigan.

Over the past 14 years the Little Traverse walks have brought in over \$340,000 for Church World Service with over \$85,000 contributed to The MANNA Food Project.

“Each year, we look forward to the annual Little Traverse CROP Walk,” says Kim Baker, executive director of Manna Food Project. “Not only does the event create awareness of the continued need for food assistance in Northwest Michigan, but it raises crucial funds for local

food pantries to provide for those in need. We hope to see a great turn-out this year for this meaningful stroll through the streets of historic Bay View.”

Baker adds that Manna is very grateful for all the support provided by the association and its residents—from the generous financial contributions of its Campus Club, to Bay View’s Youth Group, which assembled thousands of nutritious food pouches last summer for distribution throughout Manna’s tri-county area.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by [Church World Service](#) and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. The donations raised help from putting seeds into otherwise empty gardens or tools into the hands of hardworking farmers.

Greg Jackson, Crop Walk co-chair, expressed that “As we prepare for our 15th annual CROP Hunger Walk, we are grateful for our local corporate sponsors and all our participants. Our 2019 challenge is to raise \$30,000 to assist in alleviating hunger in Northern Michigan and around the world.”

The 2019 [Little Traverse CROP Walk](#) will be on June 29th so save the date and help alleviate hunger in Northern Michigan and around the world. Registration will be at Evelyn Hall (Bay View Post Office, 1670 Park, Petoskey, MI 49770 for gps directions) at 8:30 a.m. and the walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. Join us for a 3 mile walk around our beautiful Bay View or “rock” on the Evelyn Hall porch and enjoy the entertainment!

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/petoskeymi>

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Sign Up at Evelyn Hall, Bay View



Grand Marshal Kim Baker

The Bay View Association is a summer community that values doing and giving. Our members participate, volunteer, give, and practice hospitality through Bay View's four program areas of Education, Performing Arts, Worship and Religious Life, and Recreation. We welcome all to come and reflect, refresh, reconnect, rejoice, and find meaning in all that Bay View has to offer. For more information about the Bay View Association or the 2019 summer program, visit www.bayviewassociation.org or call 231.347.6225.