



- Who:** **Associated Ministries**
Associated Ministries is a non-profit, Ecumenical, Christian organization that represents 250 member churches, interfaith partners, and the broader faith community in Tacoma-Pierce County. The agency is an intermediary of public and private funding sources for poverty, housing, hunger relief and other vital human services. We work to build community that is humane, compassionate and just.
- What:** **The 30th Annual Hunger Walk of Pierce County**
Sponsored by Tucci & Sons, The Emergency Food Network, Umpqua Bank, *The News Tribune*, MultiCare Health System, Creative Solutions and Johnson-Cox Printing.
- When:** **Sunday, October 3**
Registration: 1 p.m. / Walk: 2 p.m. / Entertainment, food and family fun until 5 p.m.
- Where:** **Fort Steilacoom Park**
8714 87th Ave. S.W., Lakewood, WA 98498
- Why:** **To raise \$250,000 for hunger relief in our community and abroad**
- Half of the proceeds benefit the Emergency Food Network (EFN), Pierce County's non-profit distribution center for more than 70 food banks, hot meal sites and shelters. EFN provides about 75% of food sources for Pierce County food banks and shelters. The other 50 percent goes to local and international hunger relief agencies designated by each walker (see pledge form)
 - Every dollar donated translates to \$12 in food products, so Hunger Walk can generate \$3 million in food for hot meal sites, food banks and shelters
 - Nationally, 22% of American children live in hungry or food-insecure households
 - In Washington, 1 in 5 households doesn't have enough money to buy the food they need
 - In Pierce County, there are nearly a half-million (unduplicated) visits to food banks annually
 - The majority of visits are made by children, senior citizens or families in need
 - The need for hunger relief has never been greater. Your help is desperately needed
- Donate:** Donate online at www.associatedministries.org or just send us a check for Hunger Walk.
- Register:** Visit www.associatedministries.org to register or download a pledge form, or pick one up at any Tacoma-Pierce County YMCA, Umpqua Bank, or call **253-383-3056, ext. 139**
Registration Fee: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth under 18, and \$5 for team members (teams = 3+ people)
Long-sleeve tee-shirts will be awarded to walkers who raise a minimum of \$100 in pledges for adults; \$50 in pledges for youth, and \$50 in pledges for each team member (in addition to the registration fee)
- Sponsor:** To sponsor or offer in-kind gifts to Hunger Walk, call **253-383-3056, ext. 139**
- Promote:** To help promote Hunger Walk, call **253-383-3056, ext. 139** for promotional materials, download and copy posters and flyers at www.associatedministries.org, or use this factsheet
- Vend:** To purchase a vendor booth at Hunger Walk, complete a vendor registration form online at www.associatedministries.org or call **253-383-3056, ext. 117**. Sorry no sales permitted.
- Volunteer:** To volunteer, go to www.associatedministries.org to sign-up, or call **253-383-3056, ext. 117**