

CROP Hunger Walk

Chicago West Lajna

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Detailed report follows



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For the first time, Alhamdulillah, Chicago West Lajna participated in the CROP Hunger Walk for this year during the month of May.

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This year the walk was organized by Grace Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn, which is only fifteen minutes away from our Glen Ellyn mosque, Bait -ul-Jammay.

On Sunday May 1st 2011, lajna members gathered in the mosque for our monthly meeting and after that they headed to the church from where the walk was to be stepped- off. Our members were appropriately dressed up with scarves and coats. Chicago West Khidmat e khalq secretary registered online with church world services website and opened an account with the team named 'Ahmadiyya Muslim Community'. Members from our jamaat were able to join the team and donate online to raise funds for this walk. Alhamdulillah, Chicago West lajna was able to raise more than \$700 together with checks, cash and online donations.



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It was a pleasant but windy day. All the participants gathered outside the church. The organizers were happy to see our chapter there. There were 14 other churches from the area participating for this walk. The organizers handed us map routes as there were two routes for the participants to take. One was longer route of 6 miles, the other shorter route of 2 miles. We decided to take two mile route according to our strength and ability. The walk started on time and we followed other participants.

Our lajna members enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the park and the lake. We were served ice cream after we headed back to the church from our walk. The walk organizers appreciated our members and distributed T-shirts to us. We were delighted to see our jamaat's name printed on the top of the

T- shirt out of all 14 names of other churches. Before leaving, we took some pictures outside the church and promised to be a part of the walk again next year. InshaAllah

