Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

Hands On Hartford Virtual Fundraising Ideas

Take a Walk Around Hartford

Get out and see the sights of Hartford! Encourage friends to come with you for a socially distanced walk and post your walk on Instagram using the hashtags #FoodshareWalk and #HOHVoluteer.

Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk

Reflect on the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln as you walk along the Connecticut River through the Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk! View the various art pieces as you learn about Equality, Emancipation, and other important aspects of Lincoln’s career. [http://www.riverfront.org/parks/art-in-parks](http://www.riverfront.org/parks/art-in-parks)

Wallace Stevens Walk

Did you know that Wallace Stevens was a poet that walked to and from his office at The Hartford each day? Retrace his steps and look for the stones that each have a stanza of his poem “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird” [https://poets.org/text/wallace-stevens-walk](https://poets.org/text/wallace-stevens-walk)

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery has self-guided tours and tours that you can have narrated through your cell phone. Get out and explore some Hartford history in the 270 acres of woods, waterways and memorials. [http://cedarhillfoundation.org/visit-cedar-hill/self-guided-tours/](http://cedarhillfoundation.org/visit-cedar-hill/self-guided-tours/)
Riverfront Walk

Riverfront Recapture offers a variety of walks along the Connecticut River. Pack a picnic and enjoy a walk by the water. http://www.riverfront.org/parks/walkways-trails

Create your own Self-Guided Walking tour of Downtown Hartford


10 Weeks of Summer Walking Challenges- Post on Instagram #FoodshareWalk and #HOHVoluteer

Each week we will host a different walk challenge throughout the summer. Encourage your team to do the same and donate $5 to their page for each walk they do. For a small weekly donation, they will raise $50 for the summer!

Week 1 (7/5 – 7/11) - Backwards Walk
Week 2 (7/12 – 7/18) - Crazy Hat Walk
Week 3 (7/19 – 7/25) Christmas in July Walk
Week 4 (7/26 – 8/1) - Hands On Hartford Attire/Color Walk
Week 5 (8/2 – 8/8) - Downtown Hartford Walk
Week 6 (8/9 – 8/15) - Favorite Sports Team Walk
Week 7 (8/16 – 8/22) - Hunger Awareness Walk
Week 8 (8/23 – 8/29) - Mix Match Walk
Week 9 (8/30 – 9/5) - Hawaiian/Beach Walk
Week 10 (9/6 – 9/12) - Pajama Walk
Daily Step Challenge

Challenge your friends to a virtual contest on how many steps walked per day. Invite friends to join at a minimum fundraising level and then post your progress on social media. You can even create a leaderboard with teammates who are participating to track your weekly steps!

Virtual Yard Sale

Have you done a lot of cleaning and organizing during Social Distancing? Good Quality items can be resold as a fundraiser!

Use online auction software programs such as [https://www.32auctions.com/](https://www.32auctions.com/) and take photos with your smartphone or camera. Set a price for your items and share your auction link with friends and family on social media. Take time to remind people why you are raising money for the Walk Against Hunger and what the funds will mean for Hands On Hartford.

Host a Virtual Paint Night/Workout/Trivia Night/Cooking Class

Know anyone in a creative field who is willing to do a virtual night? There are many artists, bakers, trainers who are willing to host a virtual class on Zoom for a small fee or as a donation. Encourage friends to donate to your walk page as admission to a fun socially-distanced night. Learn a new skill while raising money for a good cause.

Host a Virtual Bake Sale

Are you famous for your chocolate chip cookies? Is your Banana Bread legendary? Offer to bake for family and friends for a donation to your Walk Against Hunger Fundraising Page.
You can register a team online at www.foodsharewalk.org. Click “Form a Team” or “Join a Team”

If you’d like to join the Hands On Hartford Friends and Family Team, or donate to a Hands On Hartford Walker, here’s the link: http://site.foodshare.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team_id=15268&pg=team&fr_id=1440
(or just search for our team on the main www.foodsharewalk.org page).

**When you register, please make sure that you select Hands On Hartford as your benefitting agency.** This is how we receive a portion of your funds to help the food programs that need your support. Even if you join the Hands On Hartford Team, you still need to select Hands On Hartford!

Here’s how your support of Hands On Hartford makes a difference: We see about 600 families each month at our food pantry (and that number is growing), send home backpacks full of nutritious, kid-friendly food for the weekends to 242 Hartford children (when school is in session), and typically welcome hundreds of guests to our Community Meals. These programs are supported entirely by private donations, like funds raised in the Walk Against Hunger. Folks we serve rely heavily on these programs and on the support of generous donors who keep these programs running.

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**Thank you for your support!**