

# **Final Summation of the Africa Walk Project:** **June 2007**

The Africa Walk volunteer team wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our participants and sponsors. This day's success would not have been possible without you.

The event was held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2007 and the venue was the Loudoun Valley High School track, from 2pm to 5pm. Over fifty plus walkers trotted around the Valley High Track on a hot summer day, with African music keeping our strides to a rhythmic beat.

## **The youth volunteers worked heartily toward the many tasks:**

- Booth and banner setup
- Music and refreshment station setup
- An information table was set up to provide teens with information about YAC (Youth Advisory Council) and its website
- Handling registrations
- T-shirt distribution
- Pertinent facts were provided about the AIDS and water crisis in Africa throughout the day

Prior to the event, the teens were engaged all year long in conducting presentations to various organizations, raising awareness of the issues, gaining support for the project and holding weekly and monthly planning meetings. The students also participated in designing flyers/brochures, tee -shirts, and working on the data - base such as registration information.

Overall, the experience provided leadership development, volunteer opportunity, and an increased global awareness of the suffering of others. The team members discovered their heart's capacity to care. They also learned the power of working together as a team to make a difference in the lives of others.

We are proud to announce that a total amount of \$1252.32 was raised. In keeping with their original comittment, half the amount will go to Every Orphan's Hope for aids orphans in Zambia, and the other half to Living Waters International, an organization dedicated to the construction of water wells, thus providing clean, pure water for those people who have no access to this basic essential commodity of life.

The two Africa youth coordinators who launched the endeavor hope to visit Africa at a later date.

On this website you can view some great pictures highlighting the day of the event.

Once again, we wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the donations given by each organization and individual, as well as your time and effort in promoting this

worthy cause. We thank those who participated in the walk and demonstrated their support.

Through this joint effort, the team and those involved, experienced first hand our theme for the project, "**UBUNTU**", which means, "I am because we are", the African concept that accentuates the belief in a universal bond that connects all humanity.

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