

Join Gifts of Love at the May 3rd Walk Against Hunger

Gifts of Love will participate in the Annual Foodshare Walk Against Hunger on May 3, 2015. The event is Gifts of Love's first major fundraiser for 2015. This year, we are looking to create many Farmington Valley teams to help all of us give back to the local community. Unlike many walks, Gifts of Love is a Foodshare partner agency, so up to \$.75 of every dollar raised actually comes back to the Farmington Valley. Many are surprised to realize that approximately 20% of the Gifts of Love clients come from the Farmington Valley. Last year, Gifts of Love provided over 25,000 pounds of food, \$21,000 worth of household items, and 562 bags of clothing to residents in the Farmington Valley.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in the walk – to feed forty families of 4 (160 people) for an entire year. It is important to understand that our dollars work harder to feed hungry families when they are funneled through the walk because for every dollar we raise, we get approximately \$7.50 of retail food back in our pantries. It is amazing, but every team that raises \$2,500 can actually feed a family of 4 for an entire year! You can really make a difference.

Here are some ways you can help:

- **Create a Gifts of Love Sub-Team** - create a team of 10 or more people of adults and/or kids and walk as part of the Gifts of Love team. The walk is a fun, flat walk around Bushnell Park in Hartford and is less than 3 miles. You don't need to work out or be in perfect shape to participate in the fun.
- **Have Your Teen Create a Sub-Team** – Help your teen do some community service. Connect with his/her sports team, club or other extracurricular group and form a sub-team.
- **Join a Team** – our employees and committee members are all creating teams that you can join.
- **Become a Sponsor** - Gifts of Love is looking for event sponsors for food, T-shirts or dollar pledges. If you have interest in having your logo seen by the several thousand individuals at the walk, please contact us at Events@GiftsofLoveCT.org.
- **Give a donation for our team** – Simply stop by Gifts of Love at 34 East Main Street in Avon and sign up at the desk and leave cash/check for whatever amount you feel you can give. Or mail your donation to P.O. Box 463 Avon CT 06001

For more information on any of these choices, please contact us at Events@GiftsofLoveCT.org and we can provide all the details