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Soweto Day '91 Walkathon

Registration Form

Please clip off, complete and bring this form and prepaid pledges to the Walkathon Registration

-Please Print-

Walker's Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Organization/Church _____

Total Pledges _____

Turned in at
Registration _____

Collected after
the Walkathon _____

Total Received _____

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June 15, 1991

Registration 9AM - Step Off 10AM
Malcolm X College
1900 W. Van Buren, Chicago



Comeback - Restore the Land

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Southern Africa*

*Chicago-Alexandra Sister
Community Project*

WHY ARE WE WALKING?

Soweto Day

On June 16, 1976, over 20,000 students, ranging in age from 6 to 20, marched to protest the use of Afrikaans as the medium of instruction in their schools in Soweto, South Africa. The students were inspired by the liberation of Mozambique from colonial Portuguese rule. The protest was met with violent police action. Over 1000 children were killed and wounded; many were shot in the back as they ran to avoid the conflict. Out of this terrible massacre at Soweto came a new resolve of the South African people to free themselves. June 16th is commemorated throughout the anti-apartheid movement in honor of the courageous students who gave their lives in the struggle for freedom.

Exiles Return - Communities Build the Future

Most South Africans know someone who has left their apartheid-torn country. Some left because they were harassed and feared for their lives; many left to fight apartheid from outside the country. Some left because they did not want to defend an unjust system. In exile South Africans faced loneliness and cultural alienation. They lived with oscillating bouts of depression and hope as the struggle against apartheid continued. Now many exiles are returning home. Their return is straining the already inadequate housing, medical and educational resources of their communities.

Apartheid foes who remained in South Africa struggle continuously with squalid conditions in their communities as well as with the murder, banning and imprisonment of their leaders. They fought forced removal of their communities to desolate "homelands." They resisted government attempts to impose so called "self governing community councils" on their townships. They have built their own civic organizations, which have coordinated rent strikes, supported families of those in prison and created alternative medical and educational resources for their communities. These Civics are now working to build the new South Africa in spite of the recent unrest and turmoil caused by the death throes of apartheid.

The 1991 Walkathon will raise funds to assist returning exiles and those working to build a just and democratic post apartheid South Africa.

WHERE WILL WALKATHON PROCEEDS GO?

Alexandra Civic Organization

Alexandra, one of the poorest and oldest townships in South Africa is located next to Johannesburg's most affluent white suburb. The Alexander Civic Organization was formed in 1982 and spearheads resistance to the brutal policies of the South African Government. One of ACO's major goals is to force the government to grant Alexandra more land for low-income housing. In addition, they are pushing for rents tied to income and upgraded community services. This, along with the community's militant resistance to apartheid laws makes it a target of government efforts to remove or radically reshape it. The ACO represents the grassroots movement to transform post-apartheid South Africa into a just and democratic society.

South African Council of Churches

Half of the Walkathon's proceeds will benefit a comprehensive repatriation program through the South African Council of Churches. The program includes the creation of reception centers and programs in communications, transportation, health and welfare, legal aid, education and training, employment and housing reconstruction. The program will address short-term needs of the returning exiles, re-integrate them, as well as provide long-term development of a community that can be cohesive and self-reliant.

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) comprises some regional councils of churches and has a membership of about two dozen Protestant Churches. The Council represents approximately 15 million Christians in South Africa, both black and white. The SACC's programs range from education and refugee ministries to development and conscientization. The Council, which favors the oppressed and the disadvantaged, remains the voice of the voiceless. In its work for justice and righteousness, the SACC seeks the liberation of the South African people from an unjust system that dehumanizes the oppressed and oppressor alike.

Prayer Service

Preceding Walkathon 9:15-9:45 AM
 West Side Community Church
 1937 W. Adams
 Sponsored by Church World Service

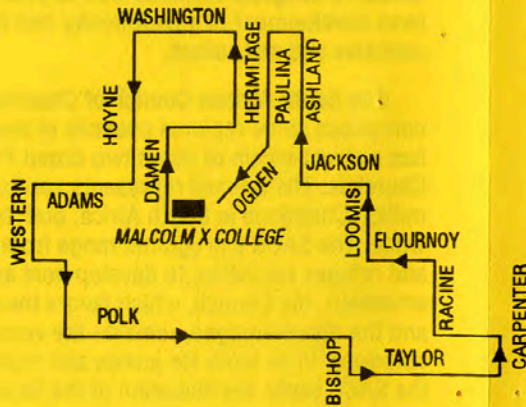
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Soweto Day Rally

Following Walkathon at 1 PM
 Featuring: Margareth Mashabela
 Mzwanele Mayekiso
 of the Alexandra Civic Organization.
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Walkathon Map



Total Distance~10 kilometers (6.2 miles)

Walkathon Pledge Form

Please Print -Total Walk~10 kilometers (6.2 miles)
 Make Checks Payable to Soweto Day Walkathon

Walker's Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip _____
 Organization / Church _____

Name	Address	Zip	Phone	\$Per km	Total
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Don't Stop Here!

For More Pledge Forms and Additional Information call
 Church World Service 708-953-2767
 Chicago Committee in Solidarity with Southern Africa 312-427-9868
 Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project 312-421-5513

Return this pledge form and collected pledges to your organization's pledge coordinator or mail to

Soweto Day Walkathon Treasurer
 2021 Hutchinson
 Chicago, IL 60618

Walkathon Sponsors

Chicago Committee in Solidarity with Southern Africa - CCISSA

CCISSA is working to increase public awareness of the situation in southern Africa in order to mobilize support for the struggle against apartheid. CCISSA members pursue these goals by operating an educational resource center, providing speakers on anti-apartheid issues, participating in public forums and presenting educational programs. CCISSA mobilizes support for demonstrations, letter writing and material aid campaigns which not only protest against apartheid but also build support for liberation movements throughout southern Africa.

Church World Service - CWS

CWS is a relief, development and refugee assistance program supported by over 32 Protestant and Orthodox denominations in the U.S. CWS works through partner agencies in more than 70 countries. CWS directs resources in money, materials and personnel toward self-development projects around the globe: health, nutrition, water resources, agriculture, housing and family life. CWS responds to cases of urgent human need caused by natural disaster or social upheaval with emergency assistance. CWS' Global Education and Fundraising Program is conducted by 25 regional offices located in the US. The CWS Refugee Program provides service to refugees and immigrants in the US. CWS also supports activities which promote constructive public policies affecting human need.

Chicago-Alexandra Sister Community Project

The Chicago Alexandra Sister Community Project is working to form links with the Alexandra Civic Organization. The Project initiated the 1990 Chicago City Council resolution which established an official sister community relationship between Chicago and the ACO. The Project supports the ACO Campaign for Affordable Housing for All while seeking to expose on-going brutal policies of the South African government. The Project has brought two ACO leaders to Chicago this spring to strengthen personal, political and cultural ties with Chicago's sister community.