

# Soweto Day '89 Walkathon

June 17, 1989

Registration 9AM - Step Off 10AM  
Charles A. Hayes Community Center  
4859 S. Wabash, Chicago



## Support South African Detainees

*Sponsored By  
Chicago Committee in Solidarity  
With Southern Africa &  
Church World Service*

# 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 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 against apartheid.

## Detainees in South Africa's Jails

In an attempt to destroy all opposition to apartheid, the white minority government of South Africa has detained over 30,000 people since 1986. Men and women, church, trade union and community leaders, journalists, students and their teachers have all been detained without charge or trial, some for up to 3 years. Forty percent of those detained are 18 years or younger. The detainees are denied access to lawyers or family. Doctors have reported that more than 80 percent of the detainees they examined showed signs of torture. Many prisoners have died in police custody. Hundreds of detainees recently participated in hunger strikes to protest their desperate situation.

# **WHERE WILL WALKATHON PROCEEDS GO?**

## **South African Council of Churches**

Half of the Walkathon's proceeds will help fund the South African Council of Churches' (SACC) Dependent's Conference which is responsible for ministry to political prisoners, detainees, banned persons and their families. SACC channels legal defense costs, arranges prison visits by relatives, provides counseling and subsistence grants for families of prisoners and detainees, creates public awareness of the plight of prisoners, detainees and their families.

## **National Medical and Dental Association of South Africa - NAMDA**

NAMDA is a multiracial organization of physicians and dentists who actively oppose apartheid. NAMDA documents the medical consequences of detention, monitors the condition of hunger-striking detainees and provides medical and psychological services to detainees upon their release. NAMDA has also trained over 1000 township residents in lifesaving first aid skills, crucial in situations where, following confrontation, townships are cordoned off and ambulances and medical personnel are not allowed to enter. NAMDA sees the general poor health of the majority of South Africa's population as being inextricably linked to the system of apartheid. They are committed to creating a democratic health system within a nonracial South Africa. Fifty percent of the proceeds of the Walkathon will go to aid this courageous organization.

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## Soweto Day Rally

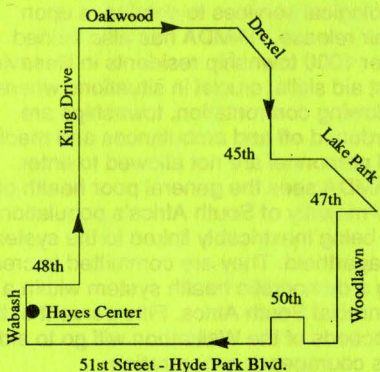
Following Walkathon at 1 PM  
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Against Apartheid*

Food and Drinks will be available at  
the Rally

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Organization / Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Address	Zip	Phone	\$Per km	Total
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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## Don't Stop Here!

For More Pledge Forms and Additional Information call

Church World Service 953-2767

Chicago Committee in Solidarity with Southern Africa 427-9868

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

Soweto Day Walkathon Treasurer

C/O CCISSA

343 S. Dearborn #918

Chicago, Ill 60604

# **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 stocking pamphlets, books and videos, 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 27 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.

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## Walkathon

### Registration Form

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

-Please Print-

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Walker's Name

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Address

Zip

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Day Phone

Evening Phone

Total Pledges

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Turned in at  
Registration

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Collected after  
the Walkathon

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Total Received

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