

Walk for Warmth 2007 Fact Sheet

What: The 17th annual Walk for Warmth is a voluntary effort on the part of area citizens, who gather pledges and walk a predetermined one-mile route. The funds raised by the event assist residents in Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, and Lapeer Counties with fuel and utility emergencies. Those assisted in the past include seniors, the handicapped and the ‘working poor’.

When: Saturday, February 24, 2007
9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. One-mile Walk

Where:

Tuscola County Walk
Human Development Commission Office
429 Montague Ave
Caro **Call:** (989) 673-4121

Huron County Walk
Human Development Commission Office
40 Cook Drive
Bad Axe **Call:** (989) 269-9502

Lapeer County Walk
Lapeer County Historic Courthouse
Nepessing Street
Lapeer **Call:** (810) 664-7133

Sanilac County Walk
Human Development Commission Office
227 N. Elk Street
Sandusky **Call:** (810) 648-4497



Who: Sponsored by: The Human Development Commission

Why:

- Because hundreds of people (mostly seniors and children) cannot afford to heat their homes
- While typical local residents spend 7% of their income on heating fuel in the winter, a Walk for Warmth recipient spends over 30% of their budget to heat their homes.
- More than 75% of those who seek HDC help with fuel payments receive no public assistance, and nearly 40% are employed or have become only recently unemployed.
- The typical Walk for Warmth recipient is a two or three person household with less than \$6,000 in annual income, 40% are elderly; 20% are handicapped; 35% live below poverty levels in the four-county thumb area.

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- The total dollars expended for our service area was \$314,183.31 (through the end of FY September 30, 2006, combination of match and actual local dollars raised.)
- In Our 4 county service area, , we helped 583 households.
- Unfortunately, we were not able to help everyone that needed help because of lack of funds.
- Money raised in each county stays within that county, to help local residents.