

"WALK FOR HUNGER"
at MCI Shirley

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The 2014 "Walk For Hunger" here at the official Project Bread "Satelite Site" of MCI Shirley was another great success! Kudos to the close to 138 men who walked for a total of 1000 miles! The donations are still coming in but at the time I sit down to write this piece we are at about \$1,500.00! Thank you so much to all the community supporters who donated as well as the men here behind the wire who gave so generously of the little they have. Some gave half of what they had. The team of Frank Q., Mike S., and Joe L., walked a full 26.2 mile marathon; with Mike pushing Joe in a wheelchair! It was truly inspiring to see and I was proud to walk the last lap with them and the Parish Council.

It was a cold day but that was overcome by warm spirits and abundant hearts. So many of the walkers walked both the morning and afternoon periods and distance like 18, 17, and 16 miles were commonplace. Some ran their miles, others speedwalked, while some just enjoyed a nice stroll out in the yard with their friends. Those of us who worked the service team had a lot of laughs and heard some heartfelt stories from the walkers. Our support team supplied us with stickers and tracking sheets and we assigned each walker a number and kept track of their miles. We had so many donations; state reps, advocacy agencies, prison volunteers, family & friends etc., that it was truly humbling.

This years effort was not plagued by staff interference as past efforts have been. Sgt. Bitch was no where in site to try to throw a wrench in the works and even though we did have Coach Woodhead out supervising the yard he mostly kept his mouth shut and slept off his hangover in the shed. It appears that the facility, the wild domain of ShirleyWorld, may finally be recognizing that our work here is valuable. Hungry faolks will be fed through this effort and men here will build self-esteem which is an essential element of rehabilitation. It is a win - win for all involved.

The Artful Dodger, our staff leader here, was very supportive as was the new director of "mis"treatment Ms. Lurking. The administration here

was again a "no show". I guess The Boot and Denied-Oh must have been planning the festivities for "Correctional Officer Appreciation Week". The "Stealing Toilet Paper & Condiments" Seminar run by Sgt. Bitch must have taken priority over feeding the hungry. If the Boot came in she more than likely could have seen the walk from her high "Ivory Tower" from which she rules! (-:

A lot of men in the HSU/Sniff wanted to take part. The Service Team always has spots at the service table for these guys, but none were allowed to attend. The sick and dying here are tucked away, out of sight and hopefully out of mind (not out of our minds), up in the death chamber, so I have to mention that they had sent messages out to take part but the iron rule of Deputy Denied-Oh would have no part of that. Human dignity is not part of the ShirleyWorld equation which is designed to demean and degrade us; this Walk For Hunger is proof positive of how we rise above the evil and serve our brothers/sisters with a fervor and spirit that can never be broken!

Please let me finish by again thanking everyone who helped out, in any way, with this years successful walk. It is still not too late to donate. You can direct a check directly to Project Bread and just let them know it is for the walkers at MCI Shirley.



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