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Quick Facts

- This year's Eastern York County CROP Walk will feature a 3.5 mile route similar to that of last year's walk. Participants will gather on the Dinkins Hall lawn at Winthrop University and travel down Oakland Ave. and throughout downtown Rock Hill.
- Registration for the CROP Walk will begin at 2 p.m. and the walk kicks off at 3 p.m. Prior to the kick off, walkers will be treated to various interactive and educational activities.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – South Carolina's oldest **CROP Walk** will take place Nov. 6 in what is the event's **39th anniversary**.

Rev. Ricky Howell, organizer and a United Methodist campus minister with the Winthrop Wesley Foundation, said this year's **Eastern York County CROP Walk** will feature a 3.5 mile route similar to that of last year's walk. Participants will gather on the Dinkins Hall lawn at **Winthrop University** and travel down Oakland Ave. and throughout downtown Rock Hill.

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This year's CROP Walk will feature the return of **CanStruction**, a competition encouraging groups to create sculptures out of canned food items. Participants in the CROP Walk will view the creations at St. John's United Methodist Church in downtown Rock Hill and vote on their favorite between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The creations are made by youth and college student groups. After the walk, the canned food items will be donated to local food pantries.

There will also be a **Western York County CROP Walk** on Oct. 16, beginning at 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in York.

York County's CROP Walks have raised nearly \$750,000 in 38 years, with more than \$185,000 remaining with local agencies.

CROP Walk is the community hunger appeal of **Church World Service**. The organization represents 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican churches in the United States working with indigenous churches and organizations in more than 80 countries.

There is no admission price for the walk, but participants are encouraged to bring at least one canned food item to be distributed to a local food pantry.

For more information on the **CROP Walk**, contact the **Wesley Foundation** at 803/327-5640 or e-mail Howell at winthropwesley@gmail.com. For information on **CanStruction**, contact **Val Kenney** at vkenney@stjohnsrh.org or at 803/327-3113 ext. 230.

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