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## *Walk-A-Thon Again a Success!*

*By Penny Michael*

16 walkers – 3 dogs. Small but mighty!  
Familiar faces, with a few new ones joining in.  
The weather was on our side—started crisp, but the sun came out in full force!  
Huge shoutout to Dave Smith Motors for sponsoring the event - You made our day. Way to go!  
Couldn't have done it without our amazing crew:  
Dan Michael, Patti Houchin, and Sharon Jacobs – our registration and finance dream team.  
Sam Scott – our go-to leg man.  
Gus and Danny Scott – bringing the muscle.  
Patsy Lemieux – keeping us fueled with sweet treats.  
Carol Young – going above and beyond this year.  
And as always, Judy Blalack – the heart and soul of it all. We wouldn't be here without you.  
Our best year yet—over \$3,000 raised for the Silver Valley Fuller Center!  
We truly live in the best community!

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*Ashley Mitchell, Danny Scott, and Patsy Lemieux stride out along the trail.*



*Judy Blalack & Chevy enjoy a lovely day with Linda Amonson who is taking the photo.*



*Linda Amonson, Mark Hegbloom, and Carol Young are ready to head out.*

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*“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart; and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

**Matthew 11:39-30**



## Walk-A-Thon, Continued

Milot, Mine Fabrication, Ashley Mitchell, Aaron Molina, Anna Moody, Dan Ruff, Jeannie Rullman, Fuddy Rullman, Fred & Karen S., Eric Scott, Gus Scott, Sam Scott, Linda Stanley, Jerry White, Elena Whitman, Bob Whitman, Maria Whitman, Dawn Wiksten, Christy Woolum, Linda Yergler, Doug Young, Carol Young

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**Participants:** Linda Amonson, Judy Blalack, John Bourque, Geri Cochrane, Patti Houchin, Darrell Lemieux, Patsy Lemieux, Dan Michael, Penny Michael, Ashley Mitchell, Danny Scott, Gus Scott, Sam O. Scott, Bob Whitman, Tahnee Winters, Carol Young



Skip brings a bicycle he spruced up that Vicky Bennett left at Coeur d'Alene Cycle with the instructions to donate it to a good cause. Since we had no walkers of the appropriate age group, Linda Amonson took the bike to find the perfect home for it. (Thanks, Vicky!)



Geri Cochrane and Jon Bourque walked with their beautiful dogs.



Dave Smith Motors made a generous donation for the Walk.



Tahnee Winters walks with her kid's adopted grandpa, Marlon Lankford.



Pastor Cory Berti gives a blessing for this event.



Bob Whitman, Penny Michael, Gus Scott, Patti Houchin, Danny Scott, and Ashley Mitchell helped with cleanup. Penny holds the prize poster. Every entrant received a prize.



Gus Scott and Danny Scott assemble the prizes.

## *From David Snell, President & Co-Founder, The Fuller Center for Housing*

The Fuller Center for Housing, while primarily engaged in helping poor families into decent homes, also does a good deal of disaster recovery work. Our Disaster ReBuilders division has been restoring homes and hope in the aftermath of tornadoes, floods and hurricanes for many years. We have worked in Louisiana, Texas,



After Hurricane Helene came ashore in Florida on September 26, 2024, it raced through western North Carolina dumping torrential rainfall. The result was devastating flooding and mudslides. We are housing volunteers at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, with a second location at Calvary Church, Asheville, as we begin to assist the community in rebuilding.

and Florida and are currently hard at work in North Carolina and Georgia in the wake of Hurricane Helene where they are focusing on rural communities since they are less likely to have insurance. Additionally, our New York City covenant partner, through their DART ((Disaster Assistance Response Team), has helped many families recover from flood damage and other storm related losses. Both of these programs rely heavily on volunteer support.

Interestingly, it was Hurricane Katrina that got Millard Fuller and The Fuller Center into building houses as we were not originally established as a building ministry. Katrina sent hundreds of families fleeing northward, many ending up in Shreveport. We were asked to come in and help with the resettlement of these families and from that The Fuller Center as we know it today was born. So disaster work has been a part of The Fuller Center's work since the earliest days.

With the Charity Navigator 4 Star Rating and Platinum with GuideStar, you know your donations go to those in need. You can make donations directly online at <https://fullercenter.org/donate/> then click on the green tab and write "FCDR" in the designation box or you can mail a check to The Fuller Center, P.O. Box 523, Americus, GA 31709

### *What is the Fuller Center for Housing?*

The Fuller Center for Housing, faith-driven and Christ-centered, promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals and organizations in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need worldwide.

The Fuller Center creates partnerships within communities that bring together churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations to build decent, affordable homes in partnership with people who are unable to secure adequate housing by conventional means.

The Fuller Center works in collaboration with our covenant partners, other service-oriented organizations and countless volunteers to build and repair homes. All homeowners work hand-in-hand with volunteers to build their own homes, which are then sold to them on terms they can afford, based on the Biblical idea of no-profit, no-interest loans.

With some smaller renovation projects, an innovative payment program called The Greater Blessing Program is utilized, whereby recipients promise to repay the loan amount without signing an actual mortgage agreement. They decide the monthly amount they can afford to repay and the period of time that it will take to repay the cost of repairs. There is no legal obligation to repay these loans. It is a leap of faith in the basic goodness of humankind and is proving to be very successful.

We are committed to good stewardship and work hard to keep our administrative costs low and to select our recipient families wisely. This helps to ensure that the vast majority of your tax-deductible gifts go toward building and repairing homes for those in need.



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**November 5th** — Newsletter mailing workshop at St. Rita's in Kellogg 9:00 AM.

**November 12th** — Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Pinehurst Lions Hall, Pinehurst

**November 28th** — Thanksgiving

## Wish List

### Specific Needs:

- Construction Supervisors – need not do the labor.
- Construction volunteers to work with the Supervisor.
- PR Chair
- And others –

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