

Youth Challenge Walk-a-thon

For nearly 50 years, Youth Challenge has been a presence in the community offering help to those who suffer with addiction. From the very beginning the programs that they offer are based on faith in God, and for very many they have been successful.

Each year Youth Challenge hosts a Walk-a-thon as a way of raising much of the funds needed to sustain this effort, and for just as many years, people from the community have come forward to support their efforts.

This year's Walk-a-thon took place on September 15th, with nearly a hundred people gathered together, first to walk the course from Glory Chapel to Sigourney and Asylum all the way to University of St Joseph and back. A few ran the course almost as a race, but most walked. Once they returned to Sigourney Square Park they were greeted by many of the neighboring nonprofits and City Departments, all there to celebrate the effort and reach out to those attending. It didn't hurt that there was free food, hot dogs, soft pretzels and other snacks as well as vendors giving free samples of various items.



The Hartford Police were there showing mostly the children the new Crime Scene Division truck, practically a complete lab on wheels when a large area needs to be investigated and evidence gathered and documented.

The Hartford Fire Department was also present with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Tent to explain this very important program to train citizens in emergency response.

There were also balloons made into the shapes of everything from swords

to hats and also the required face painting.

#MyHartMyVote and the Asylum Hill Family Center were both there registering people to vote and AHNA shared a table with the Urban League to help bring awareness to the work we do.

All in all it was a very productive day. More photos are available at

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZZqR6S9fFGhqUAqx8>