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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

7TH ANNUAL HUNGER WALK AT LAWTON PARK, SEPT. 26, 2009

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The Franciscan Center along with Associated Churches, The Salvation Army, and Miss Virginia's House is hosting the 7th annual Fort Wayne Hunger Walk. It will be held on September 26, 2009 at Lawton Park with sign in at 9:00 am, the Father Tom Award at 9:30 am, and the walk starting at 10:00 am.

The Lutheran Foundation will generously match, on a one-to-one basis, all funds donated up to \$40,000.

The goal of the annual Hunger Walk is to raise funds to help fight hunger as well as to create awareness of the need within the Fort Wayne metropolitan area.

The Franciscan Center is experiencing record numbers of families seeking assistance. For example, when comparing the months of February to July in 2008 to the same months in 2009, our Food Pantry has seen a 23% increase and our Medicine Cabinet services increased 56%! Based on the steady increase, we believe the need for our services will continue to grow. We need your help now more than ever.

Please mark your calendars for September 26th and get involved in the Fort Wayne Hunger Walk. Donations can be mailed to: The Franciscan Center, PO Box 10303, Ft. Wayne IN 46851 or to Hunger Walk, 602 E. Wayne St., Ft. Wayne IN 46802-2016.

Thank you,
The Franciscan Center