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SATURDAY
OCTOBER 5

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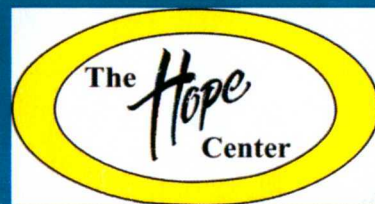
2019
POPLAR LAWN PARK
PETERSBURG, VA

A 5K walk to
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**The HOPE
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The 43rd Walk Against Hunger Announces a Powerful Trio of Grand Marshals

The Hope Center, the community outreach of Downtown Churches United, is honored to announce three leaders in education to serve as grand marshals for the 2019 P.T. Taylor/Downtown Churches United Walk Against Hunger. On Saturday, October 5, 2019, Petersburg City Public Schools Superintendent Maria Pitre-Martin, Richard Bland College of William & Mary President Debbie Sydow, and Virginia State University President Makola Abdullah will lead walkers in the 43rd annual event at Poplar Lawn Park in Petersburg. Event festivities begin at 8:30am. Walkers and donors are encouraged to register online at www.dcuhopecenter.org.

Scott Fisher, Downtown Churches United Executive Director, notes that "while The Hope Center intervenes in crisis situations, education is a powerful antidote to poverty. That is why the support of Presidents Abdullah and Sydow and Superintendent Pitre-Martin is so important." On an annual basis, The Hope Center provides over 24,600 meals through its daily lunch program and over 7,600 individuals and families receive groceries from the food pantry.

The Hope Center relies on a vast network of community groups and individuals to provide over 13,000 hours of volunteer service each year. "I am truly honored to serve as one of this year's grand marshals for the 2019 Walk Against Hunger," said VSU President Makola M. Abdullah, PhD. "The impact that the Hope Center has in making a difference in the lives of countless individuals is notable. Therefore, I am encouraging the citizens of our community to join us as we work together to ease the hunger and financial stress for our fellow neighbors."

The grand marshals are not only an educational tour de force but they also lead some of the area's major employers. "Richard Bland College of William & Mary supports the mission of the Hope Center and its role in the Petersburg community," said President Debbie L. Sydow. "The College is particularly pleased to partner with Virginia State University and Petersburg Public Schools to raise awareness and funds in the 2019 Walk Against Hunger."

"The Hope Center's work is vital for our community, so I am honored to serve as one of this year's grand marshals," said Dr. Maria Pitre-Martin, superintendent of Petersburg City Public Schools. "Our students cannot achieve at high levels if they are hungry, so I am encouraging our teachers, employees, partners and families to participate in this year's Walk Against Hunger. Together, we can make a difference."

The Walk Against Hunger is Downtown Churches United's major fundraiser to support The Hope Center's programs. It is named after Col. (Ret.) Porcher Taylor whose work established this activity as a way to unite the community to alleviate hunger. Visit www.dcuhopecenter.org for more information on Downtown Churches United and The Hope Center.

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Pictures of the Grand Marshals are attached.



Left to right: Dr. Makola Abdullah, President, Virginia State University; Dr. Debbie Sydow, President, Richard Bland College; Dr. Maria Pitre-Martin, Superintendent, Petersburg City Public Schools

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Walk Against Hunger 2019

Please join us this year in the 43rd Annual Walk Against Hunger

Saturday Oct 5, 2019

The Walk will assemble at Poplar Lawn (Central) Park. Registration begins at 8:30am. Walk begins at 10:00am.

[Click here to download the entry form](#) and mail to:

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Petersburg, VA 23804

* A \$10 entry fee is encouraged but not required.

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Free Hot Dogs and drinks to all Paid Registered Walkers

Alternatively complete and submit the electronic form below.

Walk Against Hunger Registration Form

Save the Date



Donate via Paypal or with a Credit/Debit Card

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For More Information or to Volunteer

Call 804-722-0321 or Contact Scott Fisher or Belinda Todd via this form

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**MAKE YOUR ORGANIZATION
A CHAMPION FOR THE HOPE CENTER**

DIAMOND - \$1,000

GOLD - \$500

SILVER - \$250

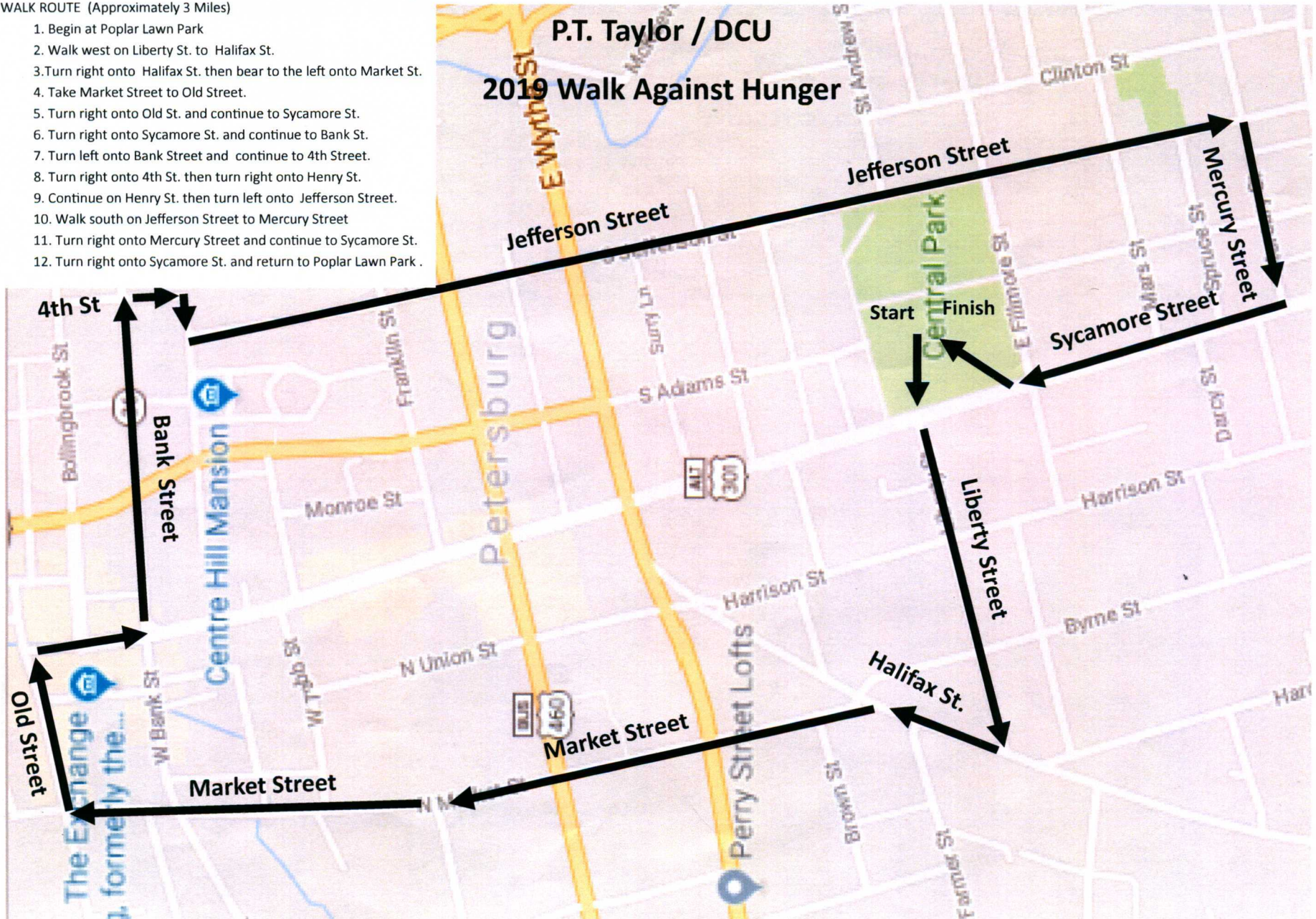
BRONZE - \$100



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WALK ROUTE (Approximately 3 Miles)

1. Begin at Poplar Lawn Park
2. Walk west on Liberty St. to Halifax St.
3. Turn right onto Halifax St. then bear to the left onto Market St.
4. Take Market Street to Old Street.
5. Turn right onto Old St. and continue to Sycamore St.
6. Turn right onto Sycamore St. and continue to Bank St.
7. Turn left onto Bank Street and continue to 4th Street.
8. Turn right onto 4th St. then turn right onto Henry St.
9. Continue on Henry St. then turn left onto Jefferson Street.
10. Walk south on Jefferson Street to Mercury Street
11. Turn right onto Mercury Street and continue to Sycamore St.
12. Turn right onto Sycamore St. and return to Poplar Lawn Park.





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Coordinators: Please list each walker representing your group. Please encourage each walker to obtain pledges and collect pledges as close to the Walk date as possible. Your group may be pre-registered prior to the day of the walk by bringing this completed form with all monies collected to the Hope Center, 827 Commerce St., Petersburg, Monday (Sept. 30, 2019) thru Thur. (Oct. 3, 2019) between the hours of 10:00am and 4:00pm. Pre-registration will allow you to by-pass the lines on the day of the Walk. Name badges will be given to each walker at registration and should be worn prominently on Walk day to show that each walker has been registered. **Every walker is encouraged to make a voluntary donation of at least \$10.**



Come Walk With Us!

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Sign Up Others To Support Your Walk

P.T. Taylor Downtown Churches United Walk Against Hunger Pledge Sheet (2018)

A 5 kilometer (approx. 3 miles) walk to be held Oct.5, 2019

Name of Walker: _____

Address: _____

Name of church, organization, or group: _____

Sponsor's Name	Sponsor's Phone	Amount Pledged	Amount Collected

Total Amount: _____