



## **GET IN STEP!**

### **COMMON PLACE ANNUAL WALK for READING AND GIVE OTHERS OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN September 12, 2009**

**WHAT IS COMMON PLACE?** COMMON PLACE began in 1967 to help eliminate the root causes of poverty and injustice and to help create human understanding. Lack of education is a direct cause of poverty, so at Common Place, educational programs start at the kindergarten level and extend to adults of all ages. Common Place literacy programs have helped adults learn reading, writing, and math skills and acquire the self-confidence needed to obtain employment. Promising Futures, Future Quest, Turning Point/Teen REACH, Extended Family, and Focus Programs offer kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade children academic assistance, life skills, and cultural enrichment which promotes positive self-concepts as well as success in school. Summer Youth Work-Study Programs and Summer Teen Employment Programs improve self-esteem and promote good citizenship. Summer tutoring enables youngsters to make academic progress, even when school is not in session.

**WHY THE WALK for READING?** Common Place receives private and government support for our educational programs, but these funds just don't stretch far enough to provide the level of help needed. This is why we have our annual Walk for Reading! For the past 22 years we have succeeded in raising substantial funds with this event. **Our goal and need in 2009 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 12, 2009 is the day of the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Walk for Reading. Registration at 8:00 - start 8:30 a.m.

**ROUTE:** 2 routes are available – a 5K “Novel” route & a 1 mile “Short Story” route. Both routes start at Common Place and make a loop through the neighborhood... shady & residential.

**WHAT YOU DO:** Call 674-3315, download an entry form & sponsor sheet on our website: [www.commonplacepeoria.org](http://www.commonplacepeoria.org), or come to Common Place, 514 S. Shelley St. (across from Butternut Bakery) for registration and sponsor sheets. **(Get lots of sponsors; there's no limit!)**

**WHAT YOU GET:** Snazzy *Common Place* T-shirt with \$20 individual registration or \$30 family registration or sponsorship funds. FREE BRUNCH after completing the Walk for Reading. PRIZES for significant sponsorship, BAKE SALE by our adult learners, and AUCTION ITEMS available!

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