

## Walk a Mile in their Shoes



*Walk a Mile in their Shoes*, is an advocacy and prayer vigil project that invites congregations throughout the Diocese of Bethlehem to join in bringing Hope, Health and Healing to all God's Children.

It began with the observance of the National Children's Sabbath (sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, Washington, DC) at our Diocesan Convention in October 2006.

Throughout the campaign congregations throughout the Diocese are invited to unite in witness for children through prayer, education, and action using the *Walk a Mile in their Shoes* Participation Guide available at [www.diobethkids.org](http://www.diobethkids.org).

The Campaign will come to an end with a Diocesan *Walk a Mile in their Shoes* Walk-a-Thon held on April 21, 2007 in Allentown.



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THE DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM

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...bringing Hope,  
Health and Healing to  
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### Walk-a-Thon

April 21, 2007

10:00 am

Masonic Temple  
1524 Linden Street  
Allentown

Sponsored by  
AWE: Children's Ministries

## Child Abuse & Child Advocacy Centers



3 million reports of child abuse are made every year in the United States.

### STATISTICS

- 4 children die everyday as a result of child abuse ; 3 out of 4 of these victims are under the age of 4
- A report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds
- Child abuse occurs at every socio-economic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, & at all levels of education.

### CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

...are independent non-profit organizations designed to improve a community's response to child abuse and neglect by offering a supportive environment for child victims and their protective family members. They provide a link to services as they move through the investigation, prosecution, child welfare, health care and mental health treatment systems. CACs provide a neutral child-focused facility for joint investigations, case reviews, and case tracking among professionals representing law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, mental health services, medical services, and victim advocacy.



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## Walk-a-Thon

April 21, 2007

Registration 9:00 to 10:15 am

Walk Kick-Off 10:15 am

### WALK SPECIFICS

- 5 mile walk beginning and ending at the Masonic Temple (1524 Linden St), Allentown
- Walk passes a variety of community health care agencies that serve poor children and their families. See [www.diobethkids.org](http://www.diobethkids.org) for a complete list.
- Prayer and water stations located throughout the walk.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Parishes are encouraged to organize a group of walkers and collect pledges.
- Register to participate by emailing or faxing your form to the Diocese by April 1, 2007.
- Pledge Forms and materials available at [www.diobethkids.org](http://www.diobethkids.org)
- Walkers who collect \$100 in pledges receive a t-shirt.
- Walkers who collect \$500 in pledges receive a t-shirt and tote bag.
- Parish/Organization with highest pledge collection will receive special acknowledgment.

### PROCEEDS BENEFIT

- Proceeds benefit the four Child Advocacy Centers of Northeast PA: Allentown, Carbondale, Reading, Scranton.
- Goal: \$30,000