

## Walk a Mile in their Shoes

Nine million children living in the United States don't have health insurance. Without insurance, children are at risk of illness and disabilities that are preventable or treatable. Children with health insurance are healthier and get better overall care.



Uninsured children are more likely to lack a usual source of health care, go without needed care, and end up worse off than children with health coverage in many measures of health.

The needs of children should be a priority for all of us as individuals, groups and communities of faith. Our Baptismal Covenant calls us to put our faith into action by standing for Healthy Children.

AWE: Children's Ministries of the Diocese of Bethlehem invites you to join in praying for a future filled with Hope, Health and Healing for all of God's children and to take action by Walking a Mile in Their Shoes and joining this year's Children's Sabbath Campaign.

*...whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. Matthew 18:5*



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...bringing Hope,  
Health and Healing to  
all God's Children



**Congregations Stand for  
Healthy Children**

**Children's Sabbath  
2006-2007**

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*Walk a Mile in their Shoes*, is an advocacy and prayer vigil project that invites congregation throughout the Diocese of Bethlehem to join in bringing Hope, Health and Healing to all God's Children. It begins with the observance of the National **Children's Sabbath** (sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, Washington DC) and the Diocesan ECW's collection of Undies for Children at Risk at our Diocesan Convention.

In the months that follow congregations throughout the Diocese can unite in witness for children through prayer, education, and action using the Walk a Mile in their Shoes Participation Guide.

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 the Lehigh Valley.

## Walk a Mile in their Shoes Pledge Card



We, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to pray for children who live nearby and throughout the world.

We also pledge to use our time, talent, and treasure to bring Hope, Health and Healing to all God's Children by Walking a Mile in their Shoes in the following ways: (check all that apply)

- Share far & wide the web-based child health related resources in the Participation Guide
- Assemble health supply kits to donate to an organization serving low income families
- Serve healthy snacks at Coffee Hour; then feed hungry children at a local agency
- Sponsor a Child Care Seat safety check station
- Organize an enrollment for Medicaid and the State CHIP for families in your area
- Sponsor an Immunization or Dental Clinic
- Volunteer at a community health clinic once a month
- Honor people who work with and for children during a worship service
- Sponsor a Child Advocacy Book Group
- Come up with your own unique idea!!



### **Walk a Mile in their Shoes Walk-a-Thon**

April 21, 2007

This 5 mile walk through the Lehigh Valley will pass by a variety of community health care agencies that serve poor children and their families. Prayer and water stations will be located throughout the walk.

Parishes are encouraged to organize a group of walkers and collect pledges. Proceeds will benefit the Katrina's Children's Fund and two children's health agencies in the Northern and Southern parts of the Diocese.