

# History of the Walk

The Unity Walk was born out of a Bridging 23 restorative community circle and has been spearheaded by community members as a fundraiser for the DRC since 2017.

It was built on the foundation of taking action and bringing public visibility to the inequities between the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor communities.

# About Bridging 23

Bridging US 23 is an initiative developed by The Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) in collaboration with The Association for Youth Empowerment (AYE). It is dedicated to transforming the way the people of Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and the surrounding communities relate to one another.

Bridging US 23 was founded on the belief that when people unite for the greater good, positive change is inevitable. Our ultimate goal is to connect communities, inspire compassion and take action to call forth the beloved community.

# A Fundraiser for...

The DRC's Restorative Justice Program that keeps adults and youth out of the criminal legal system and brings healing and wholeness to families and our community.

## MISSION

The Dispute Resolution Center offers affordable, constructive, restorative and healing approaches to conflict resolution.

## VISION

We partner and collaborate with individuals, families and businesses to build peaceful communities.

## VALUES

Respect, Integrity, Accessibility, Restorative Justice, & Inclusion.



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# Unity Walk

June 11, 2022  
10am- 3pm



# Registration

Sign up individually or walk with a team of friends, family, or co-workers!

## **\$0 - WALK IN UNITY**

Free registration - no merch

## **\$25 - WALK FOR A CAUSE**

Unity Walk T-shirt

## **\$50 - WALK WITH PURPOSE**

Unity Walk T-shirt & tote bag

## **\$100 - WALK FOR JUSTICE**

Unity Walk T-Shirt, tote-bag, water bottle

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
[bit.ly/B23UNITYWALK](https://bit.ly/B23UNITYWALK)  
or  
**SCAN THIS QR CODE!**



Want to create your own peer-to-peer online fundraising page by yourself or with a team?

**GET STARTED HERE:**  
[bit.ly/B23UW-myfundraiser](https://bit.ly/B23UW-myfundraiser)

**Interested in volunteering?**  
Contact, Gillian Jackson:  
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# Schedule

For this year's walk, we are proud to partner and end in fellowship and celebration at the historic Brown Chapel A.M.E Church in Ypsilanti.

## **LONG WALK (5 mi) - 10:00 AM**

- **Start:** Washtenaw County Farm Park, 2230 Platt Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
- **End:** Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, 1043 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## **SHORT WALK (1.5 mi) - 11:30 AM**

- **Start:** Ypsilanti Community High School, 2095 Packard St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Ypsilanti, MI
- **End:** Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church, 1043 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

- The route will be marked and include water stops and restroom stops along the entire route.
- Volunteer drivers will be available to assist during the route or take you back to County Farm Park or other location.
- Appx 12:30 PM we will have speakers, activities, food truck, snacks, and a learning circle of elders as we gather at Brown Chapel.

# Your dollars support...

The Restorative Justice Program in partnership with the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office - an alternative to the traditional criminal legal system that offers a survivor centered and healing model to address wrongdoing, harm or crime.

The restorative justice approach is deeply rooted in North American Indigenous cultural and sacred practices to address harm or wrongdoing between all involved. Restorative or healing circles aim to:

- Create a safe space for all involved to address the harm(s)
- Provide a safe space for the survivor to be heard
- Provide a safe space for the person who committed the harm(s) to make amends
- Assist the survivor and the one who caused the harm to create a plan for re-entering their communities.
- Create understanding, connection, and reconciliation.

**Learn more on our website:**  
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