

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.

**Get In
Touch!**

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7th annual

Unity Walk

June 10, 2023
10am- 3pm

BRIDGING 23

Repairing harm,
Restoring communities &
the Power of Connection

Registration

Walk individually or in a group!

\$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 & swag bag

\$100 - WALK FOR JUSTICE

Unity Walk T-Shirt & swag bag

REGISTER ONLINE:

bit.ly/3YT82vX

or

SCAN THIS QR CODE!



We need volunteers to make this a safe, fun and smooth event - want to help out?

Contact, Germaine Smith:
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Thank you for being a part of the
7th Annual Unity Walk!

Schedule

We are proud to partner again 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
- **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 5 mile route.
- Volunteer drivers will be available to assist during the route and after the event.
- There will be speakers, activities, food trucks, snacks, kid's activities, games, art projects, and more!

Your dollars support...

The Restorative Justice Program in partnership with the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office in 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:
thedisputeresolutioncenter.org