

MINNESOTA MIRACLE

A WALK TO STAMP OUT HUNGER



Why? I survived for a reason...

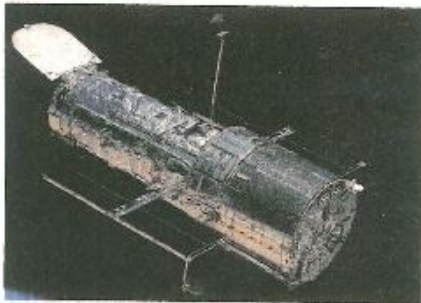
- Life experiences can change one's perspective.



Taking Action: Letters of Hope Ride 2007



Space Shuttle Atlantis



National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
Houston, Texas

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Thirtieth Flight of the Space Shuttle Atlantis

This Small Computer Memory Stick loaded with "Letters of Hope" was flown for The United States Postal Service and Gary Fitch aboard the United States Space Shuttle, Atlantis, to the Hubble Space Telescope. Atlantis launched at 2:01 p.m. EDT, May 11, 2009, from Pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida. At 11:39 a.m. EDT, May 24, 2009, Atlantis landed at Edwards Air Force Base, California having made 197 orbits around the Earth.

Atlantis reached a maximum altitude of 350 miles and a maximum speed of 17,500 miles per hour. The flight duration lasted 12 days, 21 hours, 37 minutes, 9 seconds covering a total distance of 5,276,000 miles.

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The Next Challenge: A Walk to Stamp Out Hunger!

Identifying the need:

- ▣ **Demand for emergency food has doubled in our region since 2006**
- ▣ **Families in Minnesota miss out on 100 million meals each year**
- ▣ **1 in 10 people are at risk of missing a meal on any given day**
- ▣ **1 in 6 Minnesota children are at risk of hunger every day**
- ▣ **Since 2008, visits by seniors to Second Harvest Heartland's Food Shelf partners have more than quadrupled**

Walk to Stamp Out Hunger

Goal: \$30 Million

- ▣ **Walking 300 miles to STAMP OUT HUNGER!**
- ▣ **Journey begins in International Falls walking to Duluth and from there to the State Capitol building in St. Paul!**

Walk across Minnesota timeline:

- ▣ **April 4, 2014 through May 4, 2014**

AFL-CIO Support



March 27, 2013

To whom it may concern:

This letter serves as a confirmation that the Minnesota AFL-CIO supports the Minnesota Miracle and Gary Fitch's efforts to eliminate hunger in Minnesota. This is a massive undertaking on his part, and we hope that you, and your organization, will provide assistance to make this dream a reality.

After we've raised an initial amount of \$25,000, an account will be established at the St. Paul Foundation to manage the account. The Minnesota AFL-CIO has agreed to be a caretaker for the funds until the initial \$25,000 is raised.

Checks can be made out to the Minnesota Miracle and sent to:

Minnesota AFL-CIO
175 Aurora Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103

Your generosity in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Hunter".

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Join me in the Walk to End Hunger!