



More than \$28,300 raised during 2013 Walk for Warmth in downtown Jackson on Friday

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JACKSON, MI – Jackson County residents in need of assistance with their utility bills this winter received a helping hand after the 2013 Walk for Warmth in downtown Jackson on Friday, Feb. 22. Consumers Energy and the Community Action Agency teamed up for the annual walk to raise funds for utility assistance in Jackson County. Employees and Jackson community members raised a total of \$14,168.80 for the walk. Consumers Energy matched the funds raised, making the total \$28,337.60.

A short program started at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Consumers Energy headquarters with Vice President of Customer Experience and Operations Patti Poppe speaking to the crowd about the need for helping those in need here in the company's home county. At noon, the 375 walkers made their way west on East Michigan Avenue to Blackstone Street, then walking east on Cortland, totaling about a mile in length. If walkers donated more than \$5, they were given a blue Walk for Warmth scarf.



Consumers Energy employees and community members wait for other walkers to finish the 2013 Walk for Warmth on Friday, Feb. 22. A total of 375 people took part in the walk. Consumers Energy employees and community members walk down the sidewalk in downtown Jackson during the 2013 Walk for Warmth. Consumers Energy and Community Action Agency teamed up for the walk.



Consumers Energy employees and community members cross Jackson Street in downtown Jackson during the 2013 Walk for Warmth. Consumers Energy employees and community members walk the sidewalk before crossing Francis Street in downtown Jackson.



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A crowd of more than 350 people listen to Vice President of Customer Experience and Operations Patti Poppe speak before the 2013 Walk for Warmth on Friday, Feb. 22. Consumers Energy and Community Action Agency teamed up for the walk.



Consumers Energy employees line the stairs before the 2013 Walk for Warmth on Friday, Feb. 22. Consumers Energy and Community Action Agency teamed up for the walk.