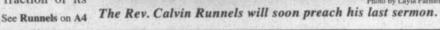


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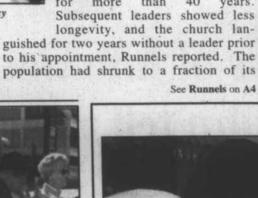
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Its inaugural grants, awarded last year, totaled more than \$140,000 for programs tailored specifically to suit the needs of local women and girls.

"We wanted to get at the root causes of of the problems that affect women and girls in our community,'





Rev. Darryl Aaron with his daughter, Noami, and her friend, Sarah Pranikoff.

Walkers take notice of plight of the hungry

Hinds

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

More than 500 people took to the streets of Winston-Salem on Sunday to fight hunger as part of the annual CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk.

In all, more than Forsyth 1.000 residents County took part. There were simultaneous in walks Kernersville and Clemmons as well. The two-mile

walk Winston began and ended in Corpening Plaza The downtown. event is meant as a

way for all citizens to show their solidarity with people in developing countries who walk long distances every day for their basic needs like food. It is also a fundraiser. Walkers solicited donations from friends, co-workers and church members. Most of the money

raised (75 percent) goes to the organization international Church World Service, while the other 25 percent is split between Crisis Control Ministries and Sunnyside Ministries, two local agencies that provide food, clothing and other services to struggling families.

> "Your walking might mean a bag of groceries, or gas money for someone to drive to work, or might mean feeds and tools for a farmer in Haiti or Kenya," said Mary Catherine Hinds of World Church Service. "Your walk makes a tremendous difference- it

brings help and it brings hope

Church World Service provides sustainable self-help, development services, disaster relief and refugee assistance in 80 countries around the world. The organization relies heavily

charter school raise money. Read more about the event on page B7.

"We've Cook explained. been really pleased with the outcomes that we've had."

The Fund's secondary season has proved to be even more ambitious.

"We've increased (our grant awards) substantially since last year," Cook remarked. "We are building our endowment as well."

After reviewing more than 20 proposals for funding, the more than 600 members of the Fund selected nine agencies to receive grants.

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Gabriel comes full circle at YMCA

New executive director at Winston Lake grew up at his local Y branch

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Summer camp. Saturday night dances. Learning to swim.

These are among Shawan Gabriel's most treasured memories. In fact, Gabriel says he can scarcely think of his childhood without thinking about the YMCA.

Growing up in Charlotte, Gabriel says he participated in virtually every program the 'Y' had to offer. Not to mention the time he put in playing basketball, football and baseball at his local neighborhood facility. He even met his wife, Keisha, while working at the Y as a college student.

So perhaps it's fitting that Gabriel is now the executive director of a facility much like the one he visited as a youth.

The 31-year-old has wasted little time getting acclimated to the storied history of the Winston Lake Family YMCA, which has changed locations and names over the decades but has remained steadfast in its commitment to the well-being of the people of East Winston.

Gabriel has contacted former excutive directors of the



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