The AIDS Action Committee

For over ten years, people in the Greater Boston area who are affected by HIV disease have relied on the AIDS Action Committee for care and compassion. Founded in 1983 by a small group of volunteers, the organization now has a full-time professional staff supported by over 2,000 volunteers, and is the largest AIDS organization in New England.

The pledge money you bring to the Walk helps AIDS Action serve many thousands of people. In the past year alone, AIDS Action. . .

- Responded to more than 10,000 calls for services from men and women affected by HIV.
- Reached 25,533 people through our volunteer Speakers Bureau.
- Distributed more than 135,000 latex condoms through street outreach.
- Answered 43,347 Hotline calls.
- Matched 202 clients with volunteer Buddies.
- Reached 5,000 active or recovering injection drug users through targeted outreach.
- Helped 836 men and women with HIV handle their housing needs.
- Taught safer sex to 11,500 gay and bisexual men through workshops and outreach.
- and much more . . .

About AIDS

- The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) causes AIDS.
- HIV is transmitted by unprotected sexual intercourse (vaginal, anal and possibly oral), sharing hypodermic needles, or blood-to-blood contact.
- A person can be infected with HIV and not feel sick or have AIDS, but can transmit it to others.
- More than 1 million Americans have been infected with HIV, and more than 200,000 have died of AIDS.
- While there is currently no cure for the disease, **AIDS is preventable**. Practice safer sex; use latex rubber condoms and water-based lubricants; don't share needles.

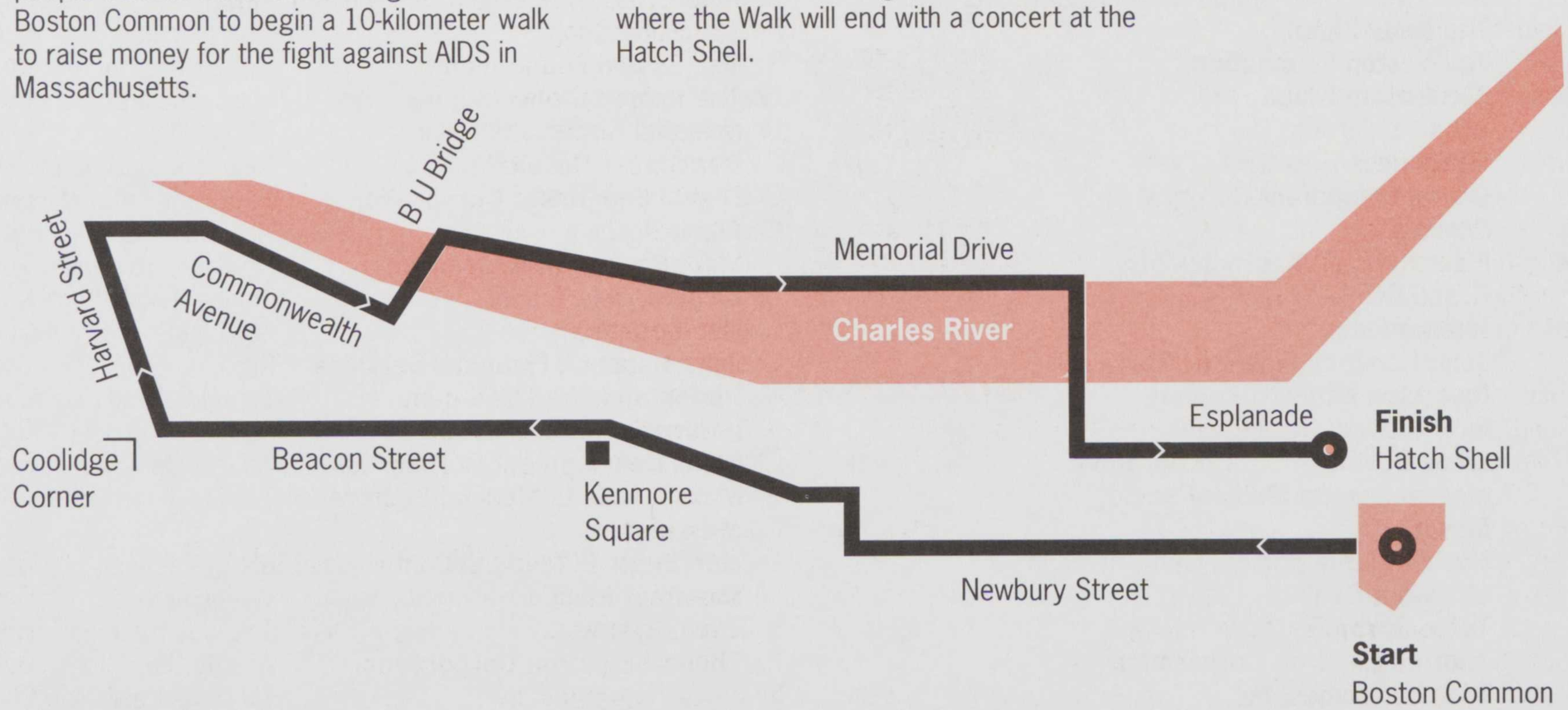
Other organizations receiving Walk money

Since 1986, the AIDS Action Committee has distributed over $4.25 million in Walk grants to other agencies for AIDS prevention and care. Next to government money, the Walk is the single largest source of funding for the fight against AIDS and HIV in Massachusetts.

ACT UP IV League, Cambridge
AIDS Action Council, Washington, DC
AIDS Care Project, Boston
AIDS Law Clinic, Jamaica Plain
Alliance of Massachusetts Asian Lesbians and Gay Men, Boston
Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth
Boston Living Center
Brockton Area Multi-Service, Inc.
Cambridge Cares About AIDS, Inc.
Cambridge Furniture Bank/Solutions
Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc., Dorchester
Committee of Ten Thousand, Stoughton
Community Servings, Dorchester
Deaf, Inc., Allston
Dimock Community Health Center, Roxbury
Fenway Community Health Center, Boston
Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, Boston
Haitian Community AIDS Outreach Project, Dorchester
Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation, Jamaica Plain
Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion, Boston
Interfaith AIDS Ministry, West Newton
Latino Health Institute, Boston
Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, Boston
Multicultural AIDS Coalition, Boston
North Shore AIDS Health Project, Gloucester
Outer Cape Health Services, Inc., Wellfleet/Provincetown
Positive Directions, Boston
Provincetown Positive PWA Coalition
Rosie's Place, Inc., Dorchester
South Boston Community Health Center, Inc.
Span, Inc., Boston
Strongest Link AIDS Services, Inc., Topsfield
Victory Programs, Boston
Vietnamese-American Civic Association, Boston
WISH House, Mattapan

Rain or shine, the Walk is on. There is no rain date.

On Sunday, June 5, tens of thousands of people from all walks of life will gather on Boston Common to begin a 10-kilometer walk to raise money for the fight against AIDS in Massachusetts.

Come with us along a path through Boston, Brookline and Cambridge, back to Boston where the Walk will end with a concert at the Hatch Shell.

From All Walks of Life is New England's largest fundraiser for AIDS services.