



## **2007 Hunger Walk Run Results**

Over 320 people registered and helped raise \$42,500 at the annual Hunger Walk Run on September 22 in Wilmington's Rockford Park. All of this goes directly to support the LIFE Food distribution points operated by Lutheran Community Services at 10 different locations in New Castle County. Grace was the number one fundraiser, with 47 participants raising over \$9,000, followed by St. Marks with 67 participants raising \$7,000. While Grace took home the trophy for raising the most, St. Marks received a trophy for the greatest turnout. Jan Hufnal from Grace was the leading fundraiser with \$3,787. Pastor Fred Melton from St. Marks was second with \$2,935.

Lutheran Community Services was blessed to have had good weather for almost all of the 16 Walk Runs. This year the weather man promised a gorgeous morning. What happened? From 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. – the critical time for registration – it rained cats and dogs! This caused some huge challenges for the paper-based registration process and the wonderful volunteers who did their best to hold up under their umbrellas. Then (miraculously) the rain ceased a few minutes before the nine o'clock start. But calculating the results was a soggy experience!

## **Coats for Kids and Clothing Programs Gearing Up**

As cooler weather approaches Lutheran Community Services is rolling out its free clothing distribution schedule and its plans to distribute free brand new kids' coats in cooperation with Operation Warm. This is the fifth year LCS has worked with Operation Warm. This year, we have received 360 coats from them, ranging in size from 12 months to 14/16 in both boys and girls styles. Operation Warm was created to help kids keep warm but more than that to provide them with positive self esteem. Coat recipients will be identified among our housing client base and participants in grocery clubs at St. Philips, St. Pauls, New Calvary Baptist, and Tree of Life, in addition to our 1304 Rodney St. headquarters. Folks can volunteer to help out with the distribution the first week of November by calling Sandy Betley at 654 8886.