



*Because no mom
should stand alone...*

Walk 4 Moms Introduction – Sample

This is designed as a sample presentation to assist those who want additional information regarding the vision of the SIS National Walk 4 Moms to present to their church or group leaders.

Songa is a Muslim woman from North Africa.

- She was married to bear a son after the son of the first wife died.
- Treated harshly, she had to travel long distances for water.
- One day she met a Christian woman, heard parables of Jesus; each day she returned to learn more.
- Her son became ill with the same sickness that took the life of the first son; she asked the Christian woman to pray for her son.
- Her son was miraculously healed; when the Muslim family gathered for prayer that night she thanked Jesus.
- Her husband was outraged and cast her out, never to see her children again.

This is the story of so many women and girls throughout the developing world.

- They are the least valued, least fed, least educated and least reached with the gospel.
- Ninety percent of Afghan women are illiterate.
- Two million girls undergo female genital mutilation, of whom about 50 percent die.
- Thousands of women and girls are sold as sex slaves in Southeast Asia and Sudan.

Kay is a white, middle class American, married with 3 kids.

- Her life suddenly changed with the divorce.
- She moved into a drug and crime-infested neighborhood.
- Sold her jewelry to buy milk and bread, went without milk and bread to buy gas to go to work.
- In the winter, she slept with all 3 kids to keep warm.
- The hardest part was feeling so alone; she couldn't afford to go out with friends, too embarrassed to bring them home.
- The shame and the isolation were paralyzing.

Kay's story is all too common in a country where:

- One in eight moms in the United States head a single parent household.
- The United States has the highest rate of teen moms giving birth in the industrialized world.
- Nine out of 10 single-parent families are led by women; two-thirds of these households are living in poverty.

Sisters In Service was founded to respond to the disproportionate suffering of women and girls.

- To see lives transformed by building partnerships with local ministries in the world's hardest places, bringing prayer, logistical, financial and relational resources together.
- Today we have 16 partners in 11 countries.
- Last year 39,000 women and children benefited from education, health services, economic and spiritual support.



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SIS mobilizes individuals and churches in the United States to join these partnerships, sharing resources and multiplying opportunities for ministry.

- Last year we broadened our vision to include ministry with and through our U.S. partners.
- We were struck by the similar needs to support women and children here in the United States.
- We saw an opportunity to respond to the needs of both worlds: moms at home and overseas. That's why the Walk 4 Moms was started.

The vision of the Walk 4 Moms is simple: to honor, support, and speak out on behalf of hurting moms here and overseas.

- We chose to build the event into the celebration of Mother's Day.
- It was a perfect opportunity to enhance our response to moms.
 - o to honor and reach out
 - o to bless and support
 - o and ultimately to see lives transformed—at home and overseas

So what is involved in the Walk?

- Planning a walkathon event to raise awareness and funds for ministries to moms here and overseas.
- Churches gather in small groups across the nation the day before Mothers Day.
- We 'prayer walk' in our local communities, praying for hurting moms, greeting people.
- The proceeds we raise go to local and overseas ministries to transform lives of hurting moms.

How can the Walk extend the ministry of your church?

- Outreach. Go out into a community area of your choice to pray and meet people.
- Ministry. You select a local women's ministry and a SIS ministry to receive the proceeds from the funds raised; this can be the beginning of very fulfilling and life-changing relationships.
- Fellowship. Praying and walking together is fun! Getting out into new or old areas of our communities is a physical opportunity to be "salt" and "light" in our local area.

How can you get involved?

- Go through the Walk planning worksheet.
- Hand out the Walk 4 Moms prayer guide.
- Keep it simple—focus on mobilizing walkers and sponsors.
- Contact your SIS representative or our Atlanta office with questions.