



Hundreds walk to raise money for food bank

FGCU women's soccer team players were among the more than 1,000 people who took part in the 10th annual WINK Feeds Families Hunger Walk on Saturday at Miromar Outlet Mall in Estero. Proceeds — more than \$300,000 from pledges and sponsorships — will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank's efforts to feed the hungry in Southwest Florida.

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Women's rally

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Fausnight worked in construction and most of her co-workers were men, she said. When she was younger, one of her co-workers approached her and tried to kiss her against her will.

"I've probably had 50 situations in my life that can be considered harassment or assault. And every time I told my bosses, they'd say, 'What do you expect, you're working in a man's world?'"

"I like that now women are supporting each other," she added.

The popular hashtag #MeToo caught on in 2017 soon after Hollywood film producer Harvey Weinstein was publicly accused of sexual misconduct. Since then, #MeToo has become the phrase to raise awareness and call for an end to sexual violence.

That was just one of the many reasons women and men, and young and old, gathered in Naples on the one-year anniversary of the Women's March.

"I'm a former rape victim and I'm here to be a voice for those who are still silent," said Colleen Gill, 37, of Naples. She brought her dog, Rusty, who wore a sign reading, "Even I know, no means no."

Sharon Brust, 74, and her husband, Bruce, of Fort Myers, marched to speak out against President Donald Trump

Dozens of the marchers in Naples on Saturday held #MeToo signs to join the nationwide call for an end to sexual violence.

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and his administration.

"I started marching for women's rights in the '60s," said Sharon, who held a small Donald Trump voodoo doll, which poked fun at the president's views on immigration and women. "It's amazing to me how I'm still marching for equality and women's rights. It's been a long time coming."

Bruce said he is happy to support his wife and women everywhere to stand up against what he calls "the worst president."

"I always say, if he was Pinocchio, Trump's nose would go from D.C. to Los Angeles," Bruce added.

Two main goals of this year's Women's March are to get more women registered to vote and elect more women to public office.

As the sun set and the sky turned purple and pink, marchers weaved from Broad Avenue South up to Third Street South and down on Fifth Avenue South to Cambier Park.

All the while, marchers chanted, "No means no and nothing else," "What do we want? Equal pay. When do we want it? Yesterday" and "Love, not hate, makes America great."

"Our goal is to honor the work women have done all (last) year, focus on getting more people to the polls and registering to vote, and create unity," said one of the

event organizers, KC Schulberg, a founder of Collier Freedom.

A year ago, thousands of women and men flocked to Washington, D.C., for the national march on the first full day of President Donald Trump's term. That crowd included hundreds from Collier and Lee counties.

In a Tweet Saturday, Trump chimed in about the one-year anniversary march, writing, "Beautiful weather all over our great country, a perfect day for all Women to March. ..."

Saturday's march in Naples was one of 14 events in Florida.

Shortly after 6 p.m., the crowd closed in on Cambier Park, where more people joined in to hear guest speakers, inspirational chants and music.

Ed Jackson, 26, came from Fort Myers to support the march. He said he believes women deserve equal pay.

"My mom raised me and she's the one who brought a lot of the bacon home," Jackson said. "But we're seeing such a staggering difference in the amount they get paid."

Women also need to speak up more, said Kathy Mayo, one of the event's speakers and president of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women.

"Speaking up isn't easy," Mayo said. "I'm a survivor of gang rape when I was in my 20s. It was a turning point when I realized that I'm helping no one except the perpetrators if I didn't speak up."

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