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It's one thing to hop in the car and drive from, say, Woodbridge to Manassas, comfortably sealed behind closed windows with the radio playing and air-conditioning humming. It's another thing altogether to get of that vehicle and walk -- from one end of Prince William County to the other.

So when Supervisor Pete Candland, R-Gainesville, first proposed the idea of walking the entire length of the county to raise money for local charities a few weeks ago, his wife Robyn was skeptical.

Prince William Supervisor Pete Candland of Gainesville (right) and Prince William County Police Officer Greg Pass talk with a group of well wishers as they came to the end of their 30-mile hike through Prince William County from Woodbridge to Haymarket, Va. in Walk for Prince William on Monday, May 27, 2013. The goal of the walk was to raise \$30,000, contributing to eight non-profit organizations. Pass was a "surrogate walker" for the Officer Chris Yung Memorial Fund.

"When he brought it up I thought, 'Do you really know how far that is?'" Robyn Candland said with a laugh outside the McCoart Administration Building Monday morning, the first stop on her husband's more than 30-mile Memorial Day trek from the Hilda M. Barg Homeless Prevention Center in Woodbridge to downtown Haymarket. "I started getting nervous the last couple of weeks, for him."

She wasn't the only one. As Candland proceeded along what ended up being a 33-mile hike across the county, he, too, wondered if he'd finish his inaugural "Walk for Prince William" in the allotted 12 hours he and his staff planned for the event.

In the end, he came very close.

Accompanied by Prince William police Officer Greg Pass -- who joined the walk in honor of his fallen friend and colleague Officer Chris Yung -- Candland, 38, reached the Haymarket Town Center just 30 minutes past his scheduled 6 p.m. arrival time. He was met with the cheers and applause of about 50 supporters, including Robyn and the couple's four children, ages 13, 10, 6, and 3.

Candland's goal for the event was to raise \$30,000 -- \$1,000 for every mile walked -- to split among the Barg

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homeless prevention center and six other nonprofits, including ACTS, SERVE, the Youth Apostles Don Bosco Center, Azalea Charities, the Chris Yung Memorial Fund and an ongoing effort to build and furnish a home in Haymarket for Marine Lance Cpl. Nick Thom, who lost both his legs and three fingers in Afghanistan in 2010.

By Monday afternoon, the walk had already raised at least \$20,000, thanks in part to an anonymous \$10,000 donation. Another \$2,000 was pledged by the Church of Latter Day Saints Candland's family attends in Gainesville.

Additional pledges are expected, and Walk for Prince William's donation and Facebook pages will remain open

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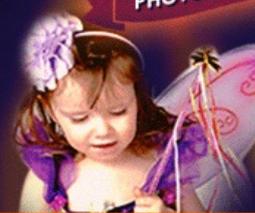


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for several days, said Reece Collins, Candland's communications director.

"I feel great," Candland said after greeting the crowd in Haymarket. "This whole thing really wasn't about me. It was about all these great organizations serving the county."

Beyond the money raised, Candland said the walk offered a chance to "get an up-close and personal look" at parts of the county he rarely visits -- even in a car. Like many who live in the county's fast-developing northwest communities, Candland's daily routines don't usually bring him to the southeastern parts of the county.

Candland's job at Nextel Communications takes him east on Interstate 66 to Reston, and weekend errands and shopping trips are accomplished close to home or in nearby Fairfax County. The only time he heads toward Woodbridge is to attend county meetings in the Lake Ridge-area McCoart building, Candland said.

"As supervisor, yes, I represent the Gainesville area," Candland said during an early stretch of the walk. "But it's very helpful for me to be on the eastern side (of the county) to get a better perspective of what's going on."

Candland, fellow Supervisor Mike May, R-Occoquan, and Pass began the walk at 6 a.m. with a tour of the homeless prevention center.

From there, the trio walked along U.S. 1 to Dale Boulevard, cut across Potomac Center Boulevard near Wegmans and continued west along Opitz Boulevard, navigating a narrow shoulder atop Interstate 95 and heading toward Smoketown Road.

Smoketown Road led them to Prince William Parkway where they continued west and north toward Manassas, stopping briefly at McCoart to meet with representatives of ACTS, a Dumfries-based nonprofit that served about 80,000 of the county's most vulnerable residents last year with its food pantry, housing assistance programs, domestic-abuse counseling and suicide-prevention hotline. said ACTS Executive Director Frances Harris.

"It was a great surprise," said ACTS Executive Director Frances Harris. "Nothing has been done like this before."

Candland sought to raise awareness of the nonprofits' efforts by stopping at their associated sites, including the Bosco Center serving Hispanic youth in Georgetown South; the SERVE campus in Manassas and the Western Prince William County police station, where they met with Yung's former colleagues. Yung was killed while responding to a call last December when his motorcycle was hit by a motorist in Bristow.

"I thought it was very appropriate, on Memorial Day, to stop by and talk to them," Candland said.

Along the way, Candland, Pass and May (who tagged along for the first seven miles) dodged roadkill that included a deer and a raccoon, endured the nearly incessant high-pitched whir of chirping cicadas and stopped briefly to offer help to a man whose right-rear tire went flat near where they were walking on Prince William Parkway.

"Hey, sir, do you have a spare or is there someone you want to call for help?" Candland asked the motorist as he and Pass approached the car, which came to a bumpy stop on the road's shoulder.

After the driver politely declined their offer, the two continued on, stopping only briefly along the way to grab a quick Gatorade or snack from their support vehicle, a black platinum F-450 pick-up truck driven by Shawn Landry, president of Rise Up Prince William.

Riding along with Landry was conservative activist Greg Letiecq, known for his blog Black Velvet Bruce Li, who was shooting video of the walk.

Rise Up Prince William is the newly created nonprofit Landry and some of Candland's other constituents formed to support Candland's ongoing community-service efforts. Candland said those efforts stem, in part, from his successful effort last year to end a long-standing practice that allowed elected county officials to donate leftover office funds to local nonprofits.

Candland said the practice suggested political favoritism and was inappropriate because it directed county tax dollars in ways supervisors could use to their political advantage.

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