

## **Jeff M. Walker**

Since 1997, Jeff Walker has worked for the Cambridge Public Health Department creating progressive community health programs for the diverse constituency of Cambridge. In his capacity as Special Projects Coordinator for Community Health Programming he has Directed Cambridge Walks, a city wide collaborative campaign to increase awareness about walking, physical activity, and healthy weight - in partnership and support of the goals of city environment and traffic departments - through initiatives such as Walk with Your Children Days, Pedometer Programs, Stair Usage Campaign, the creation and dissemination of Walking Route Cards, the School Mapping Project, Walking field trips promotion, and the Golden Shoes Campaign. Additionally he has managed bioterrorism preparedness projects such as the creation of a citywide mass smallpox vaccination plan and organized regional trainings in Bioterrorism Preparedness and HEICS. His work has also included the design, production, and delivery of several annual health promotion events and fairs; including, Women's Health Day, Gospel Health Fest, Hoops N' Health, Cover the Uninsured, a Domestic Violence Prevention Symposium, a GLBT Health Symposium, and a Teen Dating Violence Awareness Campaign. He has also coordinated the research, writing, production, design, and editorial process of an annual multi-volume Public Health Assessment for reporting to the city of Cambridge on the health and illness trends with detailed information about the department's corresponding programmatic design.

Prior to his work for the Cambridge Public Health Department, Jeff worked for many years creating HIV prevention campaigns and designing client service delivery systems. Prior to that, Jeff worked in the publishing industry for several years.

Jeff is currently working on a Master of Art Education with a focus on Public Art and Art in Healthcare.

### **CAMBRIDGE WALKS ACCOLADES:**

- Massachusetts Municipal Association 2003 Innovations in Programming Award for Golden Shoes
- WalkBoston 2004 Golden Shoes Award for Cambridge Walks programs
- National League of Cities 2004 Innovations Award for Golden Shoes
- The School Mapping program was featured in a documentary produced for Korean Television
- Golden Shoes has received national and local press and was featured in the book, *Toward the Livable City*, published by Milkweed Press.
- An upcoming Children's book by a Cambridge author will also feature Golden Shoes in its storyline.

### **JEFF WALKER - OTHER AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

- Cambridge Lavender Alliance Community Recognition Award 2004, for the formation of a citywide GLBT Commission
- Justice of the Peace for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

- Board of Directors, NAGLY (Northshore Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth)
- Jeff's poetry and fiction has been widely published in journals and anthologies, and his artwork has recently been shown at the Caladan Gallery in Beverly, MA