

Steve West, Hospice of Cincinnati president and CEO, greets Denise Hill in Pearisburg, Va., to support her journey on the Appalachian Trail.



## Cincinnati hiker forges ahead to complete Appalachian Trail

**B**etween 2,000 and 3,000 hikers set out to complete the famed Appalachian Trail each year. Only 10 percent make it. Indian Hill resident Denise Hill is trekking onward and as of Aug. 14, had logged 1,700 of the trail's 2,174 miles as she ascended to the top of Mt. Killington in Vermont.

Through rain, hail, mud, poison ivy and rattlesnakes, Hill has shown her determination and commitment to the memory of her sister, Cheryl Rose Walden, in whose name she hikes. Hill is expected to complete her journey by late September after six months and more than five million steps on the trail.

On May 28, Hill was greeted by Steve West, Hospice of Cincinnati president and CEO, and his wife, Jackie. They drove to Pearisburg, Va., to support Hill's efforts and to bring goodies from home. In a log that Hill has posted on her website, [www.walkingforwalden.com](http://www.walkingforwalden.com), she writes, "I cannot say how great it was to receive in person support from home."

If you would like to support Hill's effort and benefit Hospice of Cincinnati, which she has named as a beneficiary of her hike, please send your tax-deductible gift to:

The Cheryl Rose Walden Foundation, Inc.  
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