

CARRY **5** WALK FOR WATER

Dear _____,

Worldwide, 2.5 billion people still do not have access to clean water and toilets. Millions of women and children spend their days collecting water from rivers, streams, and ponds and carrying it home in heavy containers (5 gallons, 40 pounds) on their heads or strapped to their backs.

As a result:

- **5,000 children die from preventable, water-related diseases every day**
- **Millions of women & girls cannot go to school or earn an income because they are carrying water instead**

On May 6, I will be participating in the Seattle Carry5 Walk for Water to **experience what 1 billion people do every single day**. Over 800 people of all ages will carry water for 5 kilometers to support communities in need of clean water. Walk proceeds benefit Seattle-based Water1st International (water1st.org).

Would you please consider sponsoring me for the walk? The money I raise will fund sustainable water, toilet, and hygiene-education projects for communities in Ethiopia, Honduras, Bangladesh, and Mozambique. These water and sanitation projects save lives, improve health, give girls the opportunity to go to school, allow women the time to earn an income, and set communities on a path out of extreme poverty.

My personal goal is to raise \$_____, and our team goal is \$_____. A donation of \$20 \$35, \$50 or whatever your budget will allow, would be most appreciated. Just \$85 provides a child with clean water and a toilet FOR LIFE.

How to donate:

- Visit my online fundraising page to make a secure, online donation
My online fundraising page is: _____
- Mail a donation by May 4 to my address: _____
- Mail a donation to Water1st International 1904 3rd Ave. Suite 1012, Seattle, WA 98101
(Checks payable to *Water1st International*. In the memo section of the check, please write Carry5 and MY NAME.)

I hope you will join me in helping to transform lives through the gift of water. For more information about Water1st and the Carry5 walk, visit **water1st.org/carry5**.

Thank you very much for your consideration and help.

Sincerely,