

# A Vision for Clean Water

Dear AVFCW Donors,

As 2023 came to a close, we reflected on our many endeavors and contributions towards enhancing clean water and sanitation. Our 2023 journey began with a robust start as board members and volunteers embarked on a trip to **Cambodia** to inspect latrines and handwashing stations constructed in collaboration with The **Southeast Asia Support (SEAS) and Banyon Tree Organizations**. This immersive experience provided us with insights into the history and adversities faced by the people of Cambodia. Through our support in funding the construction of latrines, handwashing stations, and water storage tanks at government schools, healthcare facilities, and individual households, we witnessed firsthand the tangible impact of our AVFCW community's endeavors.

During our time in Cambodia, we also had the opportunity to distribute "**Days For Girls**" kits, which are reusable menstrual health kits provided to 230 schoolgirls. During the interactions, we were able to foster connections with the recipients, leaving us inspired to further collaborate with Days For Girls. Looking ahead, we aspire to volunteer at their kit sewing and assembly events in Plymouth and various locations across Michigan. Notably, AVFCW's Eileen Heasley and SEAS's Patti Lee are returning to Cambodia, eagerly anticipating the chance to share more stories of the remarkable individuals we encounter there.

AVFCW volunteers also participated in the **Walk for Water Awareness Campaign** held in Windsor, Ontario. This highly successful event brought together individuals from various Rotary Clubs in the local US and Canadian communities, serving as a dynamic platform to raise awareness about the global challenges of clean water and sanitation scarcity. Participants engaged in a 1 km walk while carrying buckets or jugs, each representing one gallon of water. This experiential activity provided a glimpse into the physical hardships faced by communities without access to safe drinking water and sanitation services. Along the route, trivia questions shed light on additional challenges encountered by billions worldwide, prompting contemplation on personal water usage habits. The campaign effectively heightened awareness, inspiring community members to recognize the privilege of abundant clean water and advocate for solutions to address this vital issue. We eagerly anticipate another successful Water Walk event this year!



In the coming year, we are committed to expanding our volunteering efforts both domestically and internationally. We have initiated a partnership with the **Izaak Walton League's Salt Watch**, and we invite you to join us! By taking the pledge on Salt Watch's website, you can receive a FREE chloride testing kit. For any inquiries, please contact Simran Singh at [simranbsingh1024@gmail.com](mailto:simranbsingh1024@gmail.com).

Furthermore, AVFCW remains committed to ongoing projects in **Tanzania** and with the **Navajo Nation**. Grants are currently being drafted, and connections continue to be established. Your contributions to AVFCW directly support impactful water and sanitation initiatives. We welcome any suggestions or expressions of interest in joining our efforts. Reach out to us via email at [info@avisionforcleanwater.org](mailto:info@avisionforcleanwater.org). Thank you and Cheers to a healthy and abundant year ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nikki Beetsch'.

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