

The Vision

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Providing clean water and sanitation to those who need them through education and collaboration

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A Vision for Clean Water is Welcoming Volunteers!

Are you a student or recent graduate interested in global water and sanitation issues? Are you interested in supporting projects aimed at reducing the global burden of disease associated with water quality or scarcity?

A Vision for Clean Water (AVFCW) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission to provide safe drinking water and sanitation to those who need them through education and collaboration. We are a small, non-religious, non-political, entirely volunteer organization of people who care about global clean water and sanitation. Our goal is to help those in need by facilitating partnerships and teaching skills to create and sustain water and sanitation projects around the world. Since founded in 2003, AVFCW has played a role in helping make these type of projects succeed in seven countries. That is over 34 projects in which we have collaborated with over 2,300 people. And, this was all accomplished with 100% volunteer staff!

Worldwide, an estimated 1.4 million children die each year from preventable diarrheal diseases and some 88 percent of diarrhea cases are related to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation or inadequate hygiene.

As a volunteer you need a passion for helping others, an interest in a specific project or a wish to volunteer on an ongoing basis, a variety of skills and experiences -- such as education, marketing, communications, science, computers, grant preparation, meeting planning, project management, literature research, legal skills and many other things that will help us meet our goals.

Your benefits if you volunteer are contributing to easing the suffering of others globally, acquiring experience and

learned skills that will boost your resume/CV, personal networking and relationship building and many others too numerous to list. Also, you don't have to be local to volunteer as we are able to do so much virtually.

If you would like to know more about A Vision for Clean Water go to our website:

www.avisionforcleanwater.org.

To learn about becoming a volunteer and current projects and activities we are engaged in contact Nikki Beetsch at **nbeetsch@avisionforcleanwater.org**.



A Vision for Clean Water volunteers working together on biosand filters to provide clean water wherever it's needed.

A Vision for Clean Water's Co-founder and the Executive Director Spread the Word About AVFCW Around the World

A Vision for Clean Water is often given the opportunity to speak at Rotary Club meetings. We are grateful for their interest in improving the lives and the health of others and especially Troy Rotary's generous support in the form of grants. Because more Rotary Clubs are now using Zoom Co-founder of AVFCW Eileen Heasley and Executive Director of AVFCW Nikki Beetsch are currently giving more talks than ever. They reach people both locally and internationally about AVFCW's work. These opportunities have been great as the Rotary has been an appreciated partner to AVFCW since the beginning. We had to postpone our Workshop in 2020 due to Covid 19 and, for the same reason, a Workshop was not possible in 2021. However we have re-submitted our application for a grant to Troy Rotary and we hope to have their help to fund the Workshop tentatively scheduled for spring 2022.

Lest We Forget ...

A Vision for Clean Water was invited by Troy Rotary's sister club in Lebanon to visit the country in 2012. They were hosted by Rotary members at their homes and they paid their own travel expenses. This visit led to the writing of a pilot grant. That grant became a major Rotary Global Grant which was copied by every Rotary Club in Lebanon. Eventually, at least 800 public schools in Lebanon at a cost of over two million dollars got and still have clean water for over 400,000 Lebanese children and refugee children from Syria and Jordan.

In February of 2018 The Rotary Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Peace Conference was held in Beirut and AVFCW Co-founder Eileen Heasley and Board member Erica Gwynn were honored to be invited to attend and speak at this important event.



Eileen Heasley and Erica Gwynn

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