

The Vision



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Walk for Water Is a Success

The World Health Organization tells us that 2.1 billion people in the world lack access to clean and available water for their homes. These people must walk to a water source as many as five times a day. The journey can be treacherous, over rough landscapes, sometimes in inclement weather and carrying containers in which to transport the water. Women and girls are responsible for procuring water in 8 out of 10 households. On average women and children in developing countries walk 3.7 miles and bring home approximately 5 gallons of water, weighing 40 pounds plus the weight of the container. It is required for drinking, cooking and other needs. Sometimes they make more than one trip a day.

To raise awareness about the number of people globally without water, A Vision for Clean Water hosted a Walk for Water event as a pre-event for the Southwestern Ontario and Michigan Rotary District Conference in Windsor, Ontario in May. Walkers who came to Centennial Park on Riverside Drive in Windsor carried a gallon of water weighing only 8.3 pounds for one mile or sometimes less. The intent was to give some sense of the feel and the weight of water although it was a fraction of the 40 lbs. usually carried and a fraction of the three-mile average distance women in developing countries must endure. Those who attended got a real feel for how grueling and physically challenging it is to carry sloshing water. Along the way the walkers could stop at stations to see if they could answer questions about water issues and also learn something new about this issue. Patti Lee of Southeast Asia Support Organization was there to share information about her water projects in Cambodia. At the end of the event, walkers received lapel pins, further information and enjoyed donated nutritious snacks.

Our goal of having 40 walkers was met and exceeded. Also, the Water Walk got a bit of attention from local media where a few of the participants and AVFCW volunteers were interviewed. See <https://avisionforcleanwater.org/walk-for-water/>. The feedback was so positive that we plan to host another Walk in the future.



Picture courtesy of Windsor.CTVNews.CA

**Meet New Board
Member and
Treasurer,
Shefali Bhavsar**



It is an honor to be a part of A Vision for Clean Water. I first heard of AVFCW when I was involved with Engineers Without Borders and was able to attend a filter workshop in 2016. I was impressed with global water initiatives led by AVFCW and I hoped to volunteer when my life demands lessened.

I recently decided to accept a voluntary separation package from General Motors after almost 17 years of service during which I had a very fulfilling career focused on vehicle electrification and autonomous vehicle technology. I've had the opportunity to pause and reconnect with my purpose to make a meaningful impact. I knew that it was a sign when I received the AVFCW e-newsletter the same day I made my decision to leave GM.

I am very pleased and honored to be the new Treasurer for AVFCW as of August 1. I sincerely hope I can make a meaningful contribution to A Vision for Clean Water.

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