

The Vision



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A Vision for Clean Water Elects New Executive Director

A Vision for Clean Water is pleased to announce its new Executive Director, Nikki Beetsch. Nikki succeeds Eileen Heasley who has been Executive Director since AVFCW's inception in 2003 when she and her husband John co-founded the non-profit. Eileen and John will continue their work with AVFCW. Eileen will remain involved as a Board member and John continues as assistant treasurer.

Nikki joined AVFCW Board in July of 2018 and is eager to apply her skills and passion to guide this organization into the future. Nikki's educational and professional background align well with AVFCW's mission and initiative. She has been employed for over 20 years by NSF International, a public health and safety company globally headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She currently is serving in two roles. She is the Director of Business Development for Governmental, Non-Governmental Uniformed Services and consultant to the World Health Organization for a water initiative by way of NSF's World Health Organization Collaborating Center. Nikki is also an active Rotarian. In her work with AVFCW, Nikki is particularly energized about supporting the water needs of low resource and emergency settings, both domestically and globally.



Nikki and Eileen

Nikki found AVFCW through a workshop offered on water quality testing in the field. Upon taking this course and engaging with the implementers, college students, government officials and donors who came from near and far, she knew that AVFCW was an organization that would allow her to broaden her reach and learning beyond her role with NSF. It would support her goal of safe and reliable access to water and sanitation for people around the globe and right here at home, such as the Native American communities. She also is hopeful that her experience with NFS and especially WHO will contribute to the good work of AVFCW. She has many ideas and suggestions and is happy to find Eileen open to them.

Although Nikki enjoys learning and talking about water and sanitation even in her free time, she does have a few other passions. She loves animals, including her two German Shepherds and lives a vegan lifestyle except for the honey from her approximately 40,000 bees. In summer you will find her gardening at home and also managing a garden that benefits the local food shelf (Food Gatherers) which she has been doing for 11 seasons. In the winter she plays as much hockey as she possibly can. She knows that Eileen is leaving big shoes to fill, but is grateful for Eileen's confidence and trust in her to keep the Vision.

Dear Friends of AVFCW,

I am excited to welcome Nikki Beetsch as the new Executive Director. Since joining AVFCW in 2018, Nikki has added global perspective to our organization. She initiated a partnership with Plumbers Without Borders and heads the project to bring hand washing stations to Native Americans. What you may not know is that Nikki has a passion to help the underserved in the world. I look forward to what is next for AVFCW as Nikki becomes Executive Director and I will be continuing on the Board working with special projects.

I want to thank all the volunteers, donors and friends who have helped me over the last 17 years. In 2003, when my husband John and I donated 2 biosand filters to an orphanage in Nepal, we had no idea that AVFCW would go on to bring clean water and sanitation to over 400,000 people! This happened because so many of you have helped and we look forward to your help in the future. Thank you again.

Warmly,
Eileen

A Vision for Clean Water Helps Clean Up

AVFCW volunteers helped clean up a building that had been nearly covered in water and debris when the Tittabawassee River flooded neighborhoods throughout Midland County, Michigan. Workers sorted through the mud to retrieve chairs, hammers, file cabinets and more. Our volunteers also brought water bottles, toilet paper and other supplies to the site. More than 2,000 homes were destroyed.



John Heasley works to remove debris from flooded building

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