

# Why Walk/Run for Water?

In South Sudan, women and children walk up to 8 hours a day for water that they must carry home on their backs in jerry cans or in large gourds. Some families have to walk twice daily for water. Once they reach a watering hole, the water is often stagnant and contaminated with disease causing parasites. Life doesn't have to be this hard for the people of South Sudan.

## The Solution is Simple

There is plenty of water in aquifers underneath the dusty ground of Sudan. It only needs to be accessed by an organization like Water for South Sudan, Inc., which has drilled wells in South Sudan since 2005, bringing life-giving water to over 400,000 villagers. After the first Water for South Sudan, Inc. well was drilled, one elder villager said, "All this time, people have been dying and we have been sitting right on top of the water?"

## How You Can Help

Walk or run on October 13<sup>th</sup> on the scenic MCC grounds. The first 50 participants who raise \$100 will receive a free Water for South Sudan t-shirt. Prizes awarded to the top three fundraisers. Pick up your race packet early at the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights office in the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, Building 3, Room 138K or the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development in the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, Building 3, Room 126. Check-in on the day of event 9:30-9:50 a.m. at the PAC, Building 10, at Monroe Community College.

Bring your sponsor sheet and money on the day of the event. Event begins promptly at 10:00 a.m, rain or shine! \$10 registration fee for those who register at the Brighton Campus Center Service Desk or identify themselves as "attending" on the Project's Facebook event page for the walk before October 13<sup>th</sup>; \$12 registration fee for those registering the day of the walk.

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## What One Well Can Do

When a Water for South Sudan, Inc. well is drilled, the well becomes the center of life and the world changes:

- Women no longer have to travel up to eight hours a day for water leaving time for planting, harvesting, and preparing crops for more nutritious meals.
- More stable structures for schools and clinics can be built with handmade bricks.
- Children can spend their days in school instead of walking for hours to carry water home for their families.
- With water available, health clinics are possible, and simple sicknesses can be tended to.
- Markets will spring up around the well.
- Infant mortality and disease will be dramatically reduced.
- Life becomes much more community-centered.

## Water for South Sudan and the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project at Monroe Community College

The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project is MCC's unique organization for telling the stories of the Holocaust and other genocides while transforming individuals to become advocates for human rights. The students of the Project have partnered with Water for South Sudan to raise over \$40,000 in the last six years.

Water for South Sudan, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded by Salva Dut, one of thousands of lost boys who, at age 11, survived Sudan's civil war by walking across Africa's harsh wilderness, dodging militia to reach safety in refugee camps. Nineteen years after arriving in the United States, he went back to Sudan to search for his father. His father had made it through the war only to be gravely ill from drinking contaminated water. Salva decided then he would find a way to make sure his father never had to drink contaminated water again. He spent the next few years building his not-for-profit Water for South Sudan, Inc.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Run for Water Sponsor Sheet

October 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. check-in; 10:00 a.m. start

MCC PAC Center, Building 10

Individual or Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Raised: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsorship Information

**Y**our donation will help drill water wells in South Sudan where women and children walk up to eight hours a day for a meager gallon or two of contaminated water. The ripple effect from one well is profound. When one water well is drilled in South Sudan, over 3,000 people have access to clean, safe, life-giving water; schools and health clinics can be built; and new markets can change the economic tone of the culture.

Sponsor Name	Address	Email address	Amount Paid

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**Please turn in this form and your collected money on the day of the walk.**