

Over 330 Walked for Water

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With more than 330 walkers joining the second annual Beaufort Walk for Water on Saturday, September 22nd at Live Oaks Park in Port Royal, over \$30,000 was raised to provide sustainable safe water around the world. All donations benefit Water Mission, a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that builds safe water solutions in developing countries and disaster areas.

“What struck me the most was a true community feel of this year’s event,” said Jeneane Ryan, chair of the Beaufort Walk for Water committee. “More than twice the number of sponsors of last year came onboard, and adding to that in-kind sponsors who gave us of their time, services or products; everyone really came together for this common purpose and the community got right behind us!”

The 3-mile walk through Port Royal simulated the much more treacherous walk that millions of women and children in developing countries walk daily to retrieve water for their family's needs. In most cases, even after walking for miles and miles, the water they collect is contaminated. Every 20 seconds one child dies from being poisoned with bacteria-filled water, while ironically, by current estimations, a mere \$35 can provide one person with safe water for life.

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