

**SAVE THE DATE MARCH 11 TH
WE ARE ALREADY WORKING ON 2018 WALK EVENT
YOUR WALK =THEIR WATER:**

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO? WATER, A BASIC NEED

With so much in the news about hurricanes and floods, fires thinking about drinking water probably isn't a top priority these days. But for millions of families around the world, it's one of the most important challenges they think about every day: Clean water to drink, bath, do laundry, and grow food.

Wells4Wellness knows the story well. We have been helping the people of Niger, Africa drill wells that make a tremendous difference in their quality of life. Instead of walking several miles a day to bring water home, hundreds of women and children can now count on safe, abundant water near their village.

If you have participated in Wells4Wellness events in the past several years, you understand several things more clearly than the average American:

- The satisfaction of helping improve the lives of families in extreme poverty
- The importance of being aware of this worldwide need
- The role you can play in educating and involving others

We are writing you now to join us in the work of Wells4Wellness this fall and next spring.

Although "Your Walk = Their Water" officially starts March 11, 2018 below are ways you can **get involved now.**

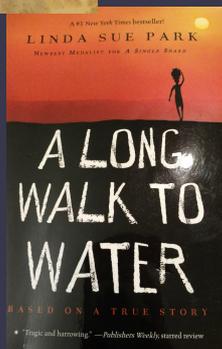
THE CHILDREN OF YANBINGINA SAY THANKS



**"Your Walk = Their Water" did
for these kids and families in
2017**



A new well
drilled last
week
Moving onto
the next
Village
Gidan
Sambo



We have a great presentation to offer to any class that is reading this book. It brings the book alive.

About the Walk

Wells 4 Wellness Walk 2018

With the Holiday season fast approaching it is not too early to start talking about your team for March

Dates March 11th Official start date for our
WALK FUNRAISER

registration Starts now on line

Or in person March 5th,7th or 8th

Wells4wellness office.

2305 7th Ave. Moline

3 main goals

1. Your health
2. Their Water
3. Eductaion & awareness

<http://www.wells4wellness.com/>

Wells 4 Wellness event

May 6th 4-6 pm

***German American Heritage
Center***

712 W 2nd St. Davenport, Iowa

***Featuring: Luis, Kristopher and
Stu***

Free Food

Silent Auction

Award Ceremony

Why Walk Alone? Inspire others to join you.

See if you can get a group to walk together. The most successful walkers not only like how their mind and body feels when they are walking. They also love being part of the group that's doing something good for themselves and the rest of the world.

P.S. If for some reason, your friend cannot participate by walking, they can still play a part in this wonderful program.

Look it up on line.

<http://www.wells4wellness.com>



Read below is the reason we do what we do!

We have had a battle hitting water. The first two wells right after our equipment arrived went great. We put a well in Tamou in the market place and then one in a village called Yangbingina.

While in that village our guys scouted out the passage to Loulouge and saw that there was no way for our equipment to get to this Village. It is truthfully like the uttermost parts of the earth. Our hosts Ron and Jerry Childs, drove my husband and me to this remote village in 2011. Parts of their car were ruined driving through the river bed trying to avoid stumps and boulders. The people of the village heard we were coming, and they were expecting us to eat and celebrate with them. When we arrived, they were all dressed and singing as we got out of the car. Hugs, kisses and ready for a feast. However it took us so long to get there that we had only ½ hour to stay because it was necessary that we made it to a real road before dark. Their happy faces dropped when we talked about leaving the minute we arrived.

The drill team shut down for Christmas 2016. After that Ron fell and broke his hip, and had to fly to USA for surgery and rehab. The young drill team went out to Loulouge to drill; and much to their surprise, the people of the village had made a passable road. The team worked for around the clock for 3 weeks without hitting water. They continued to try 3 more times. Then a major part on the rig and compressor broke. We ordered parts which arrived 6 months later. None of us wanted to give up. Our team remained positive the entire time, in spite of working in the hot sun. We realized that we can only do the possible, and the Lord will do the impossible. Boy do we know what that means: our team hit water on the 5th drilling, and the well was finished in 3 days!

I have been overjoyed and thankful for each one of you for your faithfulness through these difficult times.

The wells4wellness drill team have learned of the difficulties that may happen and have experienced the joy of seeing clean water pouring out of the pump. This week they have moved to another village called Gidan Sambo. We just hope and pray that they can drill and hit water in 3 days again. At that rate there is a possibility that we could meet our goal of 5 functioning wells in 2017. We would appreciate your prayers for our team's success. Which means that many more (hundreds) of people will have their basic need of fresh clean water met.

The last of the story the people of Loulouge were so grateful that they gave the drilling team a goat for all the efforts and success. The people of Loulouge built a road, our drill team did their work; and we celebrate your giving to make this all possible.

<http://www.wells4wellness.com/be-involved/fundraising/2018-events/>

Registration on line available now.
Or in person at wells4wellness office.
March 5th, 7th or 8th
2305 7th Avenue, Moline
309-236-1301



Loulouge Village greeting



Installation of the pump



Hit Water



A goat presented to the team for the Water Well

THANKS AGAIN:

Pat Herath and the Board