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### THE ANNUAL CSRA WALK FOR WATER ON OCTOBER 3rd IS NOW VIRTUAL

*The annual event, which raises awareness and funds to support the 2.1 billion people around the world that lack access to safe water, has been converted to a virtual walk.*

Augusta, GA August 20, 2020 - In light of the current uncertainties due to the coronavirus, we have decided to convert the CSRA Walk for Water from a group event to a virtual event. On Saturday, October 3rd, we invite people across the CSRA to Walk for Water in their parks, neighborhoods, and communities.

“While we understand this is disappointing news for many, we remain incredibly excited with the opportunities a virtual event provides,” said Michael Fiedler CSRA Walk for Water co-founder. “Limited only by their creativity, participants will still walk 3.5 miles with their families, friends, coworkers, and classmates, with the option to do so in their own neighborhoods or local communities.”

The annual event benefits Water Mission, a nonprofit Christian engineering organization committed to providing safe water to communities that don’t have access to clean, safe water.

“On average, a person in a rural setting must walk 3.5 miles for water,” said April Butcher, Water Mission’s senior community engagement manager. “Hosting a virtual Walk for Water is an opportunity for the CSRA to walk in solidarity with the billions of people around the world who must take an average of 8,000 steps for a basic resource every day.”

Inspired by the burden that millions of women and children bear every day walking an average of 3.5 miles to collect water that’s not safe, we **Walk for Water** to raise awareness of the global water crisis and funds that save lives. This is the second event for CSRA Walk for Water in support of Water Mission’s work.

“We walk, so others don’t have to,” said Fiedler. “In stride, we can end the global water crisis.”

For more information about the upcoming CSRA virtual Walk for Water, including virtual walk resources, please visit its website at [csrawalk4water.com](http://csrawalk4water.com) or reach out to Fiedler at [csrawalk4water@gmail.com](mailto:csrawalk4water@gmail.com).

#### About Water Mission

Water Mission is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Since 2001, Water Mission has used innovative technology and engineering expertise to provide access to safe water for more than five million people in 56 countries. Water Mission has 350 staff members working worldwide in permanent country programs in Africa, Asia, North, South, Central America, and the Caribbean. Notably, Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission its top four-star rating 13 years in a row, a distinction shared by less than one percent of the charities rated by the organization. To learn more, visit [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).