



# CARRY 5

## WALKING FOR WATER



SAMPLE LETTER

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

What would it be like to carry 5 gallons of water for 5 kilometers every day and still not have enough? Imagine not having a water faucet at your house and spending up to 5 hours each day collecting dirty water from streams and ponds and carrying it back home to your family. Imagine not having a shower at your house and bathing in a filthy river.

More than 1 billion people in the world do not have access to safe water. Women and children, who are traditionally responsible for water collection, spend hours each day in search of water, walking long, steep and rugged trails. They carry water home in heavy pots on their heads or strapped to their backs.

Illnesses from bathing in and drinking unsafe water kill 5 million people each year, the majority of whom are children under age 5. Every day, 5,000 children die from preventable water-related illnesses. Without safe water sources nearby, children are sick, malnourished, and make daily treks to collect water at the expense of going to school or studying.

On (Walk Date) I will be participating in **CARRY 5**, a walk for water, at (Walk Location). My team will be carrying 5 gallons of water for 5 kilometers in support of people in need of clean water. Proceeds will benefit Water 1st International, a Seattle-based non-profit organization supporting sustainable, safe water projects for the poorest communities in the world.

I am writing to ask if you would consider sponsoring me for the walk. The money we raise will benefit specific community water projects in India, Bangladesh, Honduras, and Ethiopia. A donation of \$10, \$25, \$50, or whatever your budget will allow, would be most appreciated.

My personal goal is to raise \$\_\_\_\_\_, and our team goal is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### How to donate:

- Checks are payable to *Water 1st International*.
- In the memo section of the check, please write CARRY 5 and my name.
- Please send your donation by walk date to my address:  
(include your address here)

I hope you will join me in helping to change lives with the gift of water. For more information about Water 1st International and the **CARRY 5** walk, go to [www.water1st.org](http://www.water1st.org).

Thank you very much for your consideration and help!

Sincerely,

Name

Team Name

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