



WATER FOR PEOPLE COMMITTEE 2008 IWPCA Conference



The heart of the Midwest was demonstrated at the 2008 IWPCA Conference in Council Bluffs by raising approximately \$9,600 to provide safe water, clean sanitation, and hygiene education to people in desperate need. The Water For People Committee embarked upon two new events in early June at this annual conference. In addition to the annual Golf Outing and the passing of the cup, WFP held the first ever Nebraska-Iowa Joint Trap Shoot Benefit and the first WFP Silent Auction. Cup collections hit a new record by raising \$720, which was doubled by a matching contribution from a single anonymous donor. The Joint Trap Shoot Event cleared \$1,000 and the Silent Auction raised over \$5,000 with several items being sold for well over their stated values. The \$2,600 raised by the Golf Outing will be used exclusively for our work in Xicotepec Mexico where some of our own committee members are installing water purification systems at orphanages, schools, and the Red Cross facility.

More important than the dollar amount, these funds translate directly into savings lives and helping people to pull themselves out of the depths of poverty. A well serving a small village can be constructed for as little as \$2,500. Rather than walking five or six miles to draw water from a mud hole shared with cattle and crocodiles a mother can walk down the street to get clean, safe water from a neighborhood well. A 2004 WHO cost-benefit study determined that when health costs, time, lost productivity, etc. are factored in a \$1 investment can return as much as \$5 to \$28, depending on the region.

The WFP Committee is not ending our year with this past success. We are planning additional events for this fall. On September 9, 2008 (first evening of the Fall Short Course) we will hold a Fall Shotgun Event at the New Pioneer Gun Club in Waukee. At the 2008 Iowa AWWA Conference (October 14 through 16) we will again hold our annual WFP Golf Outing and we will hold another Silent Auction. For each of these events we need sponsors, donors, and participants to make them work. Please contact me or any of the other committee members to tell us of your interest in these upcoming events. Also, be sure to visit www.waterforpeople.org.

“We shall not finally defeat AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, or any of the other infectious diseases that plague the developing world until we have also won the battle for safe drinking water, sanitation and basic health care.”

Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary-General

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