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RMC hosts World Water Day community learning event Sat., March 22

BILLINGS, March 11, 2014 – The Environmental Club and Institute for Peace Studies at Rocky Mountain College are assisting the Billings community and sponsors to share the 7th Annual Walk for Water on the RMC campus.

Students and sponsors will host and join the Billings community in a 1½-mile walk that visits 10 interactive stations around campus. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. for the 10:00 a.m. walk that visits demonstration stations about hygiene, life straw and biosand filters, carry jugs, bottled water facts, and drip irrigation. Globally, many people walk miles for water on a daily basis.

Four water mission booths with slide shows, international craft vendors, t-shirts, Africa photos, and refreshments will be available. Major sponsors include local families and healthcare, engineering, and other organizations.

Billings joins 65 other cities in the U.S. and across the world to bring awareness to the world water and sanitation crisis through the World Water Day each year in March. The theme for 2014 is “water and energy.” UN Water notes that energy generation and transmission requires extensive use of water resources, and conversely, about 8 percent of global energy generation is used for pumping, treating, and transporting water to various consumers.

RMC students of Luke Ward, director of the environmental management and policy program and environmental club advisor at RMC, and Cindy Kunz, director of the Institute for Peace Studies, have organized the set-up and staffing of stations for the day.

Nadine Hart, physician assistant at St. Vincent Healthcare, has coordinated the Walk for Water since its founding. Hart helped to set up the original RMC PA program and is an RMC parent. Since 2007, she and other St. Vincent Healthcare professionals have traveled as part of the organization Hope 2 One Life to Uganda on missions to improve health care. Hart is Chair and President of Hope 2 One Life, the organizing sponsor of the Walk for Water.

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