

# Lakeridge HS LO Interact and the 2018 Walk4Africa

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For the last 10 years, in April, hundreds of Lake Oswego citizens turn out for Walk4Africa, a benefit for Zambian families who have to walk 6 miles a day for clean water used in cooking, washing, and general hygiene.

Walk4Africa is a fund raiser for WaterAfrica, a World Vision NGO with a \$1 billion budget and a longtime Charity Navigator certified charity. To support this fund raiser, families pay a fee to enter, get a t-shirt, and walk from Foothill Park in Lake Oswego to pick up water in Half Moon Bay and dump it in the Willimatte River in sympathy with and as a reminder of what a Zambian must do daily without resources. It is a community event.

The Lakeridge HS LO Interact chapter contributes to this fund raiser by serving as a “bucket brigade” standing in Half Moon Bay waters at the Millenium Park steps and dipping containers and ACE Hardware paint buckets in the Bay for the Walk4Africa walkers and fund raisers.

This year Walter Lewanowski, Karthik Sreedhar (President of this chapter of LO Interact and organizer of this event) Jonah Tappouni, and Robert Jiang (plus the chapter Advisor Ted Ricks) volunteered to be the “bucket brigade” for Walk4Africa.

Luckily, the tour of duty was not long and standing in the cold Half Moon Bay waters was not that strenuous. It was a bright, sunny Spring day and they were able to join the rest of the crowd listening to a vibraphone choir of teenagers, and reviewing the water pump, shower, and water basin exhibits that \$50/family will buy.

