

Goddard College

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Goddard College Responds Locally to International Tragedy

College Donates \$1,000 to Pure Water for the World in Rutland, Vermont

Goddard College students, alumni, and employees across the college want to address both the immediate survival needs of Haitians and the long-standing systemic issues of social injustice that have exacerbated the natural disaster there. To that end, Goddard will donate \$1,000 to Pure Water for the World in Rutland, Vermont immediately.

This Rutland, Vermont based organization works to bring clean, safe drinking water to rural people world-wide. They do so in ways that account for specific local situations, cost little, are technologically simple and easy to access. They have been working in Haiti since 2008 and, in response to the earthquake, are distributing ceramic and sand filters for immediate water purification needs. Goddard is also exploring a long-term educational relationship with Pure Water for the World.

Carolyn Crowley Meub, Executive Director of Pure Water, said of their work, “Many Haitians have lost everything, and this generous donation will directly benefit Haitians who are now without clean water. Our staff continues to provide sustainable water sources for Haitians and this gift will allow us to reach more people in need.”

Faculty and students are also exploring ways to integrate the social, historical, and political realities of Haiti into residencies. Governing councils (Staff Council, Student Council) are also responding collectively.

Goddard College President Mark Schulman said, “As people deeply committed to social justice and inclusion, we Goddard folks realize we live in a world terribly out of balance. The struggle to create social, political, economic, and ecological equilibrium takes many forms, changing at historic moments with the demands of the time.

“That demand at this moment is to support the people of Haiti, to do what we can to alleviate their current suffering, and to fight for global social justice - both in the face of the catastrophe afflicting our Caribbean neighbors and friends, and in opposing militarism and war wherever it exists.”

To learn more about Pure Water for the World, visit <http://purewaterfortheworld.org>. To learn more about Goddard College, visit www.goddard.edu.