Ethiopia's Current Water & Sanitation Crisis:

In rural Ethiopia, women and children walk up to six hours to collect water. Most people collect water from shallow, unprotected ponds which they share with animals. Both of these sources are subject to contamination as rain water washes waste from surrounding areas into the source. The jugs women use to carry water back to the village weigh up to 40 pounds! Often, young children are left at home while their mother and older siblings collect water and their fathers work. We're hoping to bring about a healthy change.

Here's a way you can participate:

Fundraica to Wood & Music Fundraiser for Water for Anasi

Water for Anasi Project:

This is part of Lopez Island residents, Marta, Solomon and Emebet Bill's effort to help their relatives and loved ones in the village of their birth. They are inviting others to join them in raising funds to build a simple system enabling access to clean and safe water, thus preventing disease and hardship.

"We have already raised half the money needed for this vital project, and we hope to build the system at the beginning of the dry season this November," notes Marta Bill, who along with her family, had the idea to help her village after a visit that reunited her with her grandmother, uncles and cousins last year. "We have an offer of matching funds up to \$5000, which is half the money needed to build a water system."

"We are fortunate to have the help and support of an experienced mentor, Ezra Teshome, who was born in Ethiopia and lives in Seattle. In cooperation with the University Rotary of Seattle, he has helped build over 85 successful water projects in Ethiopia," continues Marta. "We met Ezra nine years ago when we first arrived in this country after our adoption. We did not know that, years later, Ezra would also help us in our effort to bring safe water to our village."

"We hope a lot of people visit the website to learn more about the project and broaden their worldview. The Full Moon Festival on July 15 is one way for people to learn and contribute. This pledge form is another opportunity to participate by asking people to pledge money for each mile that you walk between now and July 15. Then bring the money you raise to the Full Moon Festival. You can also walk at the festival where we will be celebrating **Water for Anasi**. It will be a lot of fun." —Solomon Bill, age 17.

"It makes me very happy to know the people in my village will have clean water." —Emebet Bill, age14.

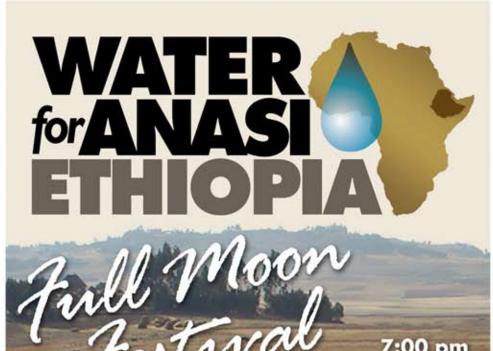
Pledge Form

Between now and July 15 is your opportunity to walk and raise funds for **Water for Anasi**. A brisk 20 minute walk = approximately 1 mile. Gather pledges and bring the money you raise to the Full Moon Festival on July 15 as we work toward a goal of \$10,000 to build a clean water system for the village of Anasi in Ethiopia.

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7:00 pm Richardson Valley Ethiopian Food & Music Fundraiser for Water for Anasi

Be part of a collaboration of Lopez Island residents to bring clean water to the village of Anasi, Ethiopia

15 July 2011

To learn more visit www.waterforanasi.org