



# HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## ① HOST AN EVENT

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Hosting an event is one of the most effective ways to achieve all the goals of being a Water Warrior at once – raising awareness and funds; encouraging your elected officials to increase funding for water and sanitation; and turning other people into passionate supporters (aka Water Warriors).

Planning an event may seem like it takes a lot of work, but it doesn't have to. All you have to do is:

1. Have a few of your close friends over to your place for some good food and good company.
2. Have some fun and then take a few minutes to talk about the water and sanitation crisis. We also encourage you to show one of our videos, share our materials and maybe even offer them dirty water (as a joke!).
3. After they know more about the issue, ask for them to get involved by spreading the word, donating money, writing letters to Congress and becoming Water Warriors themselves.

Hosting an event can be as simple as that. For more information, please check out our in-depth host guide that will walk you through each step of putting together an event.

## ② START AN ONLINE AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

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We realize that not everyone will be able to host event and that's okay. You can still make a big difference by messaging your friends about the water and sanitation crisis with simple online tools, like email, Facebook, Twitter and whatever other creative means. Share with them a few basic facts about the problem, how they can get involved and a link to donate ([action.globalwaterchallenge.org/donate](http://action.globalwaterchallenge.org/donate)).

## ③ TAKE PHOTOS OR VIDEO OF YOU CARRYING 40 POUNDS

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Stand in solidarity with the millions of people who frequently have to carry up to 40 pounds of water for as long as 3 miles. Take photos or video of yourself or friends holding something that is 40 pounds. It can be anything – your dog, weights, even your younger sibling! We'll post what you send us online, to highlight the growing awareness about the issue.

## ④ CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

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Write a personal note to your member of Congress about the importance of increasing funding for water and sanitation globally. You can find a sample letter online at [action.globalwaterchallenge.org/resources](http://action.globalwaterchallenge.org/resources) and you can look up your members of Congress at [action.globalwaterchallenge.org/congresslookup](http://action.globalwaterchallenge.org/congresslookup).