



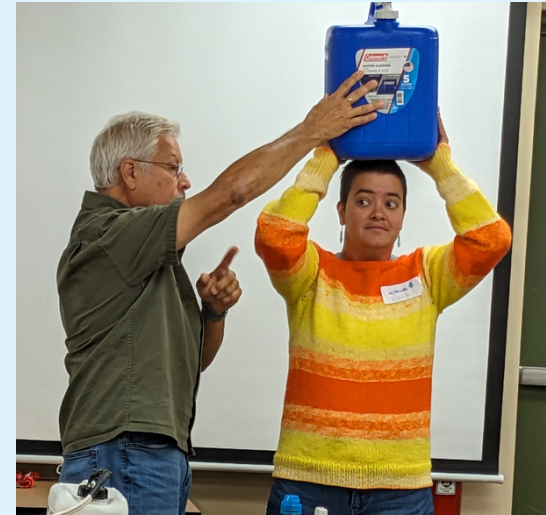
# Indiana Extension Homemakers Association INTERNATIONAL DAY

The Harrison County Extension Homemakers hosted International Day on Tuesday, September 12th with a theme of “Water World”. They sang water-themed songs and had presentations featuring HHS Educator, Tara Beckman, presenting “Waters of the World: The Many Ways Water Impacts Our Lives,” Karen Schwartz presenting the “Waterfront Botanical Garden” and “Journey Along Blue River,” Janice Sauerheber presenting a Water Science Demonstration, and Ron McKulick presenting the mission of *WaterStep*, a non-profit organization providing a sustainable clean drinking water supply to those in need in developing areas and communities struck by disaster.

Ron explained how *WaterStep* collects donated shoes that are then repurposed and raises funding for water-purifying equipment all over the world. Three pairs of shoes can supply safe, clean drinking water to one person for an entire lifetime. How? Your shoes will be sold to an exporter, which will give the shoes a second life and keeps hundreds of tons of shoes out of landfills. The shoes are then repurposed and re-sold in marketplaces providing affordable footwear to those in need. The funds raised from the sale of the shoes go to *WaterStep*’s work of providing safe water solutions to people around the world.

Thank you to everyone who came to International Day to learn about how water impacts us, and also our ability to conserve and improve the quality of water worldwide.

We are still accepting gently used shoe donations at the Purdue Extension Office for *WaterStep*. A collection box is located in the downstairs lobby.



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