

## DigDeep: INFORMATION

**Third Annual 'Running for Water' Walk/Run**  
**A Fundraiser to Benefit**  
**DigDeep - The Navajo Water Project**  
**Saturday, September 6, 2025**  
**10:00 Frame Park Waukesha WI**



'Running for Water' is a local fundraiser organized by the Community of the Living Spirit and Plowshare. Our third annual 3.5 K walk/run through Waukesha's Riverwalk will be held on September 6, 2025. This will benefit **DigDeep - The Navajo Water Project**, raising funds to provide families living on the Navajo Nation with clean, running, hot and cold water and solar power. Last year's event raised over \$18,000, and we hope to surpass that amount this year!

Below is information about **DigDeep - The Navajo Water Project**, established in 2014. **The Navajo Water Project** serves the 300,000 people of the Navajo Nation, located in parts of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

On the Navajo Nation, 30% of families live without running water. They drive for miles to haul barrels of water to meet their basic needs, carefully rationing water for drinking, cooking, cleaning, and bathing. The Navajo Water Project is a community-managed utility alternative that brings water as well as solar power to homes without access to water or sewer lines. This is done primarily by installing off-grid **Home Water Systems**, but its impact doesn't stop there. The project also includes investing in more effective septic systems as well as in skilled job creation.

The Navajo Water Project is indigenous-led and registered as an official enterprise on the Navajo Nation. The entire project is guided by a council of clients and local leaders, and, as they say, they've gotten good at what they do! In the morning of the day that a system is installed a 1,200-gallon cistern is delivered, which is then buried outside the home. Technicians plumb a sink, water heater, filter, and drain line. Where families don't have electricity, which is often the case, they install a solar panel, battery array, and hookup to provide electricity to power the pump, heater, and lights. A food-grade tanker truck arrives and fills the cistern with clean water through an above-ground valve, and the homeowner receives training to operate, maintain, and repair the system. This all unfolds within 24 hours.

The culminating moment occurs when everyone gathers around the sink, the faucet is turned on, and fresh water pours out - a moment often accompanied by tears. As one Navajo leader explains, 'It can be really emotional!'

The Navajo Water Project is part of the larger human rights nonprofit, DigDeep Right to Water Project, which serves the 2.2 million+ people in the U.S. without running water and the sinks, bathtubs, and toilets that the rest of us take for granted. Families without taps or toilets live in all 50 states. DigDeep's work is expanding to serve every one of them.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE:

[digdeep.org](https://digdeep.org)

[navajowaterproject.org](https://navajowaterproject.org)

[goodmorningamerica.com/gma3/video/water-crisis-navajo-nation-98730553](https://goodmorningamerica.com/gma3/video/water-crisis-navajo-nation-98730553) (20 April 2023)

[rotary.org/water is life](https://rotary.org/water-is-life) (July 2022)

[wateractionhub.org/projects/2568/d/digdeeps-navajo-water-project/](https://wateractionhub.org/projects/2568/d/digdeeps-navajo-water-project/) (2023)

[communitylivingspirit.com/runningforwater](https://communitylivingspirit.com/runningforwater)

### **All money raised will benefit DigDeep - the Navajo Water Project.**

The Navajo Water Project is a program of the DigDeep Right to Water Project 501c3.

Make checks payable to the Community of the Living Spirit, with 'Running for Water' on the memo line. Send to Sandy Peters, 412 N West Ave, Waukesha 53186. Donations to CLS (501c3) are tax-deductible.

## Our 2023 and 2024 Events!

The first and second annual 'Running for Water' Walk/Run Fundraisers for DigDeep - The Navajo Water Project were held in September 2023 and 2024.

Thanks to so many generous and hard-working people, over \$33,000 was raised in these two events!



Sandy and the Sponsorship Banner

Our donations to Dig Deep - the Navajo Water Project bring clean, hot, running water to families on the Navajo Nation through the installation of water systems and the solar panels to run them.

As event organizer Sandy Peters says,

**'You are truly making a difference in the lives of people on the Navajo Nation.'**

*An excerpt from an email sent to Sandy by  
George McGraw, CEO and  
Founder of DigDeep:*

*'I am SO Grateful for you. Your support  
means that our own relentless pursuit to get  
running water to every family in the U.S.  
can carry on. And because of you,  
we're doing more than carrying on;  
we're going really, really strong!'*



Enjoying drumming at the 2024 Walk/Run!