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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The students in Visiting Professor of Environmental Studies and Health Laurine Brown's Perspectives in International Health course have turned their knowledge into an extracurricular campaign to help fund a water purifying project in Haiti.

"Improving water quality is important for water borne disease prevention and enhancing quality of life," said senior biology major Sudil Mahendra. "We chose to fundraise for Haiti because it was recently hit by three hurricanes and a tropical storm. It is already the poorest nation and has the highest child mortality rate in the Western Hemisphere."

The students will collect donations for the campaign they call Clean Water for Haiti outside of the Bertholf Commons and The DugOut during lunch and dinner times from Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 12. They will also hold a bake sale on Friday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of The DugOut.

Proceeds will benefit International Action, a non-governmental organization that works in Haiti and is based in Washington D.C. International Action uses donations to purchase water chlorinators that can protect water supplies for up to 50,000 people, said Mahendra. The chlorinators themselves are also sustainable, since they do not use electricity.

For additional information about Clean Water for Haiti, contact Mahendra at smahendr@iwu.edu.

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