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JOINT APRIL 12 LUNCHEON PROGRAM

“Exploring the Value of Water: Can We Make Adequate Sanitation for Everyone a Reality?”

Our April 12 luncheon speakers are John Hasse and Issa Bitang Tiati, from World Vision, an international non-profit humanitarian organization based in the US. John is the Senior Director for Latin America & the Caribbean International Programs Group. Issa is the Country Program Manager for Haiti. Issa worked in Haiti for the last two years and manages World Vision United States' strategy of engagement in Haiti, including effective responses to category I, II, and III emergencies.

Eighty countries regularly experience serious water shortages. Clean water, sanitation and good hygiene are basic necessities most Americans take for granted, but for many around the world, they can be the difference between life and death. In Haiti earth quakes resulted in a lack of drinking water and sanitation that brought cholera. Today, nearly one billion people lack access to drinking water from an improved drinking water source and 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation. Secretary of State Clinton pledged US support to end water poverty in developing countries.

World Vision responds to current natural disasters. It is dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. The impact of major disasters has increased thirteen-fold in the last 50 years. Global weather trends suggest that the impacts of natural disasters will increase. Immediate emergency response, disaster mitigation and a commitment to long-term rebuilding are critical. World Vision is on the ground in some 100 countries and responded to some 75 emergencies last year. For example, World Vision provided aid and supplies for victims of earthquakes in Haiti (January 2010), Chili (February 2010), Japan (March 2011), and most recently in Mexico (March 2012). World Vision also provided assistance after tornados ripped across the US in March 2012.

Please join us as John discusses water supply and sanitation issues in Latin America and the Caribbean, including World Vision's long term goals for addressing these issues. Issa will update us on the progress in restoring water and wastewater facilities in Haiti as well as World Vision's response to other natural disasters in the US and around the world.

SPEAKERS: **John Hasse, Latin America & the Caribbean International Programs Group**
Senior Director, World Vision

Issa Bitang Tiati, Country Program Manager for Haiti
World Vision

LOCATION: Channel Inn, 650 Water Street, SW, Washington, D.C. (free parking is available).
The Channel Inn is 0.32 miles from the Waterfront-SEU Metro Station.

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2012

TIME: 11:30 a.m. Registration\Networking
12:00 p.m. Lunch

COST: \$25 (with reservation) \$30 (walk-in)
Cash or check payable to FWQA at the door

RESERVATIONS: Email or call Jim Wheeler at (202) 564-0662 or Clara Alston at (202) 56409677 by c.o.b. Monday, April 9th to make your reservation and menu selection (tarragon chicken, filet of sole, medallions of beef, fruit plate, vegetarian pasta, or seafood Newburg).

Cancellations must be made by noon, April 10th.

Only a limited of walk-ins can be accommodated - **no-shows will be billed.**

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act