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The President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, will be the keynote speaker at Furman University

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Greenville, South Carolina -- The President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, will be the keynote speaker on April 13th at Furman University, as part of the Riley Institute's Women and Politics Series. Her visit is hosted by Water of Life's Global Pebble Project.

President Johnson Sirleaf's presentation will be followed by a fundraising dinner at the Younts Center at Furman University to support Water of Life, an ongoing effort launched eight years ago that has brought attention to Greenville on the international humanitarian stage.

In 2001, Roland Bergeron, an Upstate home builder, began taking time away from building some of the most exclusive, custom homes for Greenville's elite to follow a vision for bringing life, hope and water to people across the world with no homes at all. He established Water of Life, a small, highly focused non-profit organization specializing in drilling wells to provide clean water to impoverished villages.

"People can live an entire life without a home, but we can't last a week without water," said Bergeron. Getting clean water to villages from Liberia to Honduras enabled Water of Life to save an estimated 60,000 lives since 2001.

Though Water of Life is based in Greenville, it has captured the attention of key leaders in Africa. One of those leaders, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, is making African and international history, and wants to come see the people in Greenville who are bringing life through clean water to the impoverished and needy people of her country.

For more information, contact April Gray at 864-241-6222 or april@givefreshwater.org or visit globalpebbleproject.org.

ABOUT WATER OF LIFE: Water of Life is an organization dedicated to providing access to clean water to those in need. A non-profit organization based in Greenville, South Carolina, Water of Life has been sending mission teams around the world into different countries since 2001.

Water of Life was birthed out of the heart to see people receive the much needed water in their town or community and to see hope develop among the people. The ministry trains and equips teams to serve two purposes: dig or drill the wells which bring fresh water to the community and offer the clear message of the Gospel which brings the Eternal living water to their hearts.
