



LIFEWATER CANADA

Because Every Life Matters

Fiscal 2017 in Review



Thanks for keeping Safe Water Flowing!

People sometimes say that we are heroes. We appreciate the encouragement of being saluted for the effort that we give. But we give while living with the luxury of having food in the fridge, money in the bank and water in our taps.

Several months ago, a Lifewater donor wrote saying: ***“The other heroes that we admire are those that we help. They are the ones that have endured day after day through the many hardships, and many have done so with joy in their hearts. They serve as models to those of us who have so much. So, again, thank you for being the link in the chain that converts money and work into life-saving water”.***

Thank-you for listening to your heart, sharing your compassion and your resources to make the world a better place.

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- Well Drilling
- Well Rehabilitation
- Hygiene & Sanitation
- Infrastructure
- Training
- Overhead



Every \$1 You give, Provides a child with the safe water they need to stay healthy!

Nigeria: The Power of a Goat!

Mama Sarki is a middle aged widow in the town of Sabon Kamantan. She provided food and a place to sleep for our team while they drilled her village well.

Sounds simple. But here is the rest of the story. When Mama Sarki heard of the planned well project, she sold one of her three goats so that she could buy some rice and corn meal to feed the drill team.

When asked why she would sacrifice one of her goats she said "***the joy of not having to suffer in search of clean water is worth more than one of my goats***".

From the generosity of you who donate to make wells affordable, to the sweat of the drillers, to the sacrifices of people like Mama Sarki, everyone gives what they can to make safe water flow. Thank-you!

Together, we give children like this a brighter future!

Lifewater's overhead is only **6%**.
You can be confident your gifts are helping those who need it most!

Liberians Smell and Taste

Despite challenges regarding expropriation of their compound, Lifewater Liberia was actually able to increase well production!

One of the wells was drilled in "Smell No Taste Town". This town is near the international airport. They could smell and see the luxury, but had no money to taste the food and lifestyles that came there.

For the rural poor, safe water is just a short distance below their feet, but they cannot taste it.

With your help, 65 villages in Liberia can now smell and taste safe drinking water! Thank you for your support.

Haiti Hurricane Disaster Recovery

Last fall, hurricane Matthew battered Haiti with torrential rains and mud slides. Homes destroyed, wells flooded with contaminated water, and sewage backed up into watering holes where people draw their drinking water.

The force of water and mud caused 150 feet of security wall at the Lifewater compound to collapse onto a public roadway. Well production ground to a halt as the team cleared rubble and stood guard to keep out looters.

With your generous support, Lifewater Canada volunteers went to Haiti and rebuilt a reinforced security wall.

Your timely donations helped the team quickly get back to work fixing contaminated wells and drilling wells for schools, clinics and towns without safe water Thank-you!



Kenya - Record Number of Water Projects!

Kenyans are known for breaking records in long distance running. This year, production records were shattered by the Lifewater Kenya team who finished 33 water projects.

Each one of these projects is a life changer. Instead of spending all day hauling water, girls can attend school and have the same educational opportunities as boys. And women can spend time in their gardens and micro-enterprise businesses to help their families get ahead.

Your contributions make these water projects possible, bringing health and hope to those who need it most. Thanks for giving children and their families a much needed hand-up by keeping safe water flowing in Kenya!