

2018 - 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT




FOUNDATION

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OUR IMPACT NUMBERS

SEE WHAT YOU'VE HELPED US ACCOMPLISH



17

COUNTRIES HAVE
BENEFITED FROM
RYAN'S WELL



996,128

PEOPLE NOW
HAVE ACCESS
TO CLEAN
WATER



1,255

LATRINES
BUILT

1,429

TOTAL WATER PROJECTS
COMPLETED BY RYAN'S WELL
FOUNDATION



A MESSAGE FROM RYAN

Ryan's Well has been a significant part of my life for as long as I can remember. From all of the chores around the house, small basketball or Pokémon card fundraisers in my elementary school, monitoring trips, speaking to professionals and youth at international conferences, countless video conferences and workshops, it sure has been a surreal journey.

It seems that people from all over the world – our beneficiaries, our donors, our volunteers, and our team – have come together around the idea that you don't need to be someone special to make a big difference in the world; sometimes it starts with the dream of a six-year-old.

This year, I have stepped in as Executive Director with Ryan's Well. It's a privilege

and an absolute honour to be expanding my role in the Foundation with this new position.

We would not be here today if it weren't for the countless fundraisers across the globe – whether it be bake sales, walkathons, concerts...you name it! I'm consistently inspired by elementary school students who continue to do extra chores to raise money – just like I did. It always takes my breath away to see the passion we've helped to foster. People young and old, from all across the globe, have joined together to make a positive difference in the world. It truly is awe-inspiring.

Hopefully, we'll be able to bring that feeling to even more people, and get that much more work done this year. I can't wait for us to get started!

Ryan

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR, SARAH GORE

As members of the board, we are often distanced from the work that Ryan's Well Foundation accomplishes. We come to a consensus on important decisions for the Foundation – including project work – and recognize the immense and life-changing difference these choices have on our beneficiaries. We hear the numbers, and see the photos, but we rarely witness the effects of these choices firsthand. There is a vast distance between our decisions around a table in Canada, and the benefiting communities thousands of miles away.

However, I did have the chance to travel to several of our project sites, and closing this distance between table and well has only reinforced my belief that the work of the Foundation is invaluable. It is one thing to hear our Project Coordinator tell us stories of those we have helped, but to hear directly from children who are now able to attend school because they don't have to walk for hours a day for water, or from men and women who are no longer experiencing stomach pain from their water is truly a feeling I cannot describe. Their smiles, stories, thankfulness, and the hope for their families and for the future are things that will stay with me always.

Ryan's Well Foundation provides clean water and sanitation. But a water source is so much more than just water; it is hope, education, health, financial independence, empowerment, and a bright future. But none of this would be possible without the hard work of the Ryan's Well team, our industrious partners, our volunteers and board members, or our generous donors. Thank you for allowing us to help so many futures look so bright.

MEET OUR NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

My name is Brina Whitley, and I have been working in the Communications field for over six years. I jumped at the chance to work with a local charity that has worldwide reach; Ryan's Well Foundation is a small team that makes a big impact. Our work in funding water, sanitation, and hygiene projects for vulnerable communities in developing countries is not only necessary, but unparalleled in its ability to create self-sustainable solutions in these communities.

Since joining the team in March, I've created brand guidelines integral to creating and maintaining mutually beneficial relationships with media partners and collaborators. For over 20 years, the Foundation has worked hard to ensure the credibility and value of the logo and brand. I've created a social media calendar utilizing Google Calendar, so the entire team can collaborate on events relevant to the Ryan's Well mission. I strive to improve the Ryan's Well website and communications, and to grow the Foundation's reach through new partnerships and opportunities. I am so excited to apply my practical skills in website and social media management, content creation, and public relations to assist Ryan's Well with fund development and increasing awareness about our incredible work. Teamwork makes the dream work, and we have the most amazing team in place to make great things happen.



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Sarah Gore



AN UPDATE ON OUR PROJECTS

It was an exciting year for Ryan's Well, as we embarked on the most project work ever completed in one year for the Foundation! With your help, we were able to fund 152 water projects and 10 latrines in 6 countries, providing 72,118 vulnerable people with access to safe water and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) training. This year was a bit experimental, as we completed two pilot projects, which included building 34 household rainwater harvesting tanks with a new partner in Mexico, and connecting a hospital in Ethiopia to a municipal water source with a well-established partner of ours, CPAR (Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief). We also had a very successful School Challenge project; 47 schools from around the world participated in the challenge and raised funds to construct two shallow wells and two 5-stance VIP (ventilated improved pit) latrines with handwashing stations and the appropriate WASH and menstrual health training for 5 schools in Northern Uganda. For a more detailed breakdown of our project work, please see the "Where We Worked" page of this report. We had a tremendous undertaking last year, and we hope to match or exceed the amount of project work as we begin the 2019-2020 fiscal year!

More project work means more monitoring and evaluation, which I personally had the opportunity to take part in several times this year. We routinely visit our project sites to confirm that the sites are well managed and maintained, and that the communities have taken ownership of their water source. In this way, we ensure that clean water is available for many years to come. One of my favourite memories from this past year was during a monitoring trip to Northern Uganda. We had just finished evaluating the newly constructed shallow well for Ekude village in Amach Sub-County, Lira district, and as we were driving away from the site, we saw two young women who had fetched water from the well. Both women had a 40lb jug full of water on their heads and a 10lb jug in their hands, and one of the women had a baby strapped to her back. I mentioned to our partner from Divine Waters, Deleo, that I want to fully experience what these women go through on a daily basis to provide for their families. Immediately, Deleo pulled the car over and asked the woman with the baby if I could attempt to carry her jug on my head. The woman smiled and agreed, and passed me the smaller 10lb jug from her hand. I could not believe how straining the jug was on my neck; I could not take my hands away from the jug, and have no idea how these women and children are able to balance the jug and walk with it, especially with babies on their backs! It gave me a whole new appreciation for what these communities experience daily – and this was only the 10lb jug! As a mid-twenty-year-old female, I would most likely spend my days fetching water for my family, so it really put into perspective how different my life would be if I were born in rural, Sub-Saharan Africa like these women.

It has been an incredible year, and together with yourselves and other international donors, this year, we will reach a remarkable 1 million beneficiaries since Ryan's Well Foundation began in 2001. Be sure to check out the active projects page on our website to learn more about where we are working this fiscal year, and stay tuned for the announcement of 1 million beneficiaries!

Keely



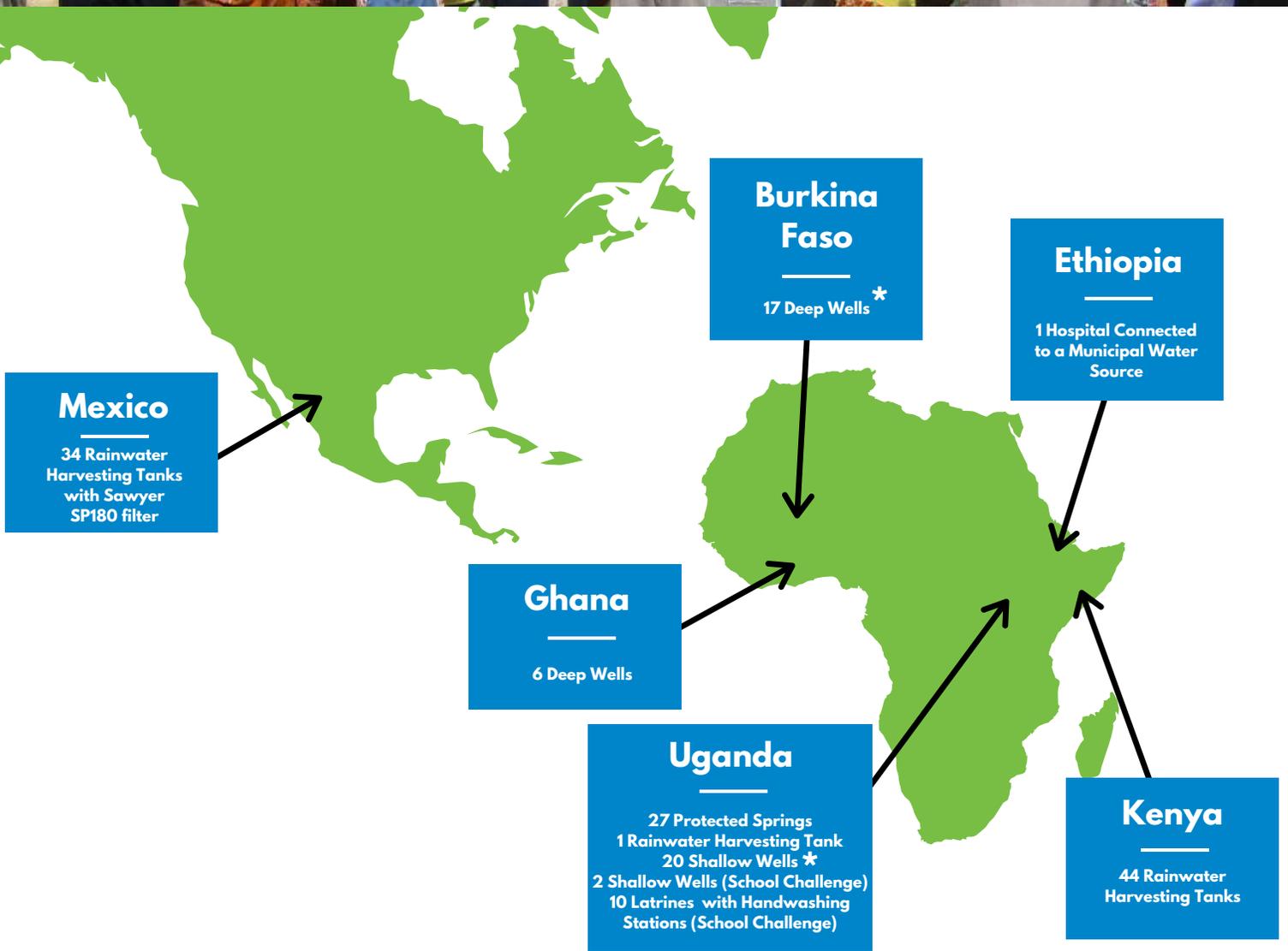
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WHERE WE WORKED IN 2018-2019



152 WATER PROJECTS
COMPLETED THIS YEAR



OVER **2,650 PEOPLE** TAUGHT TO MAKE REUSABLE MENSTRUAL PADS (RUMPS)



10 LATRINES COMPLETED THIS YEAR



72,118 PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM RYAN'S WELL PROJECTS THIS YEAR

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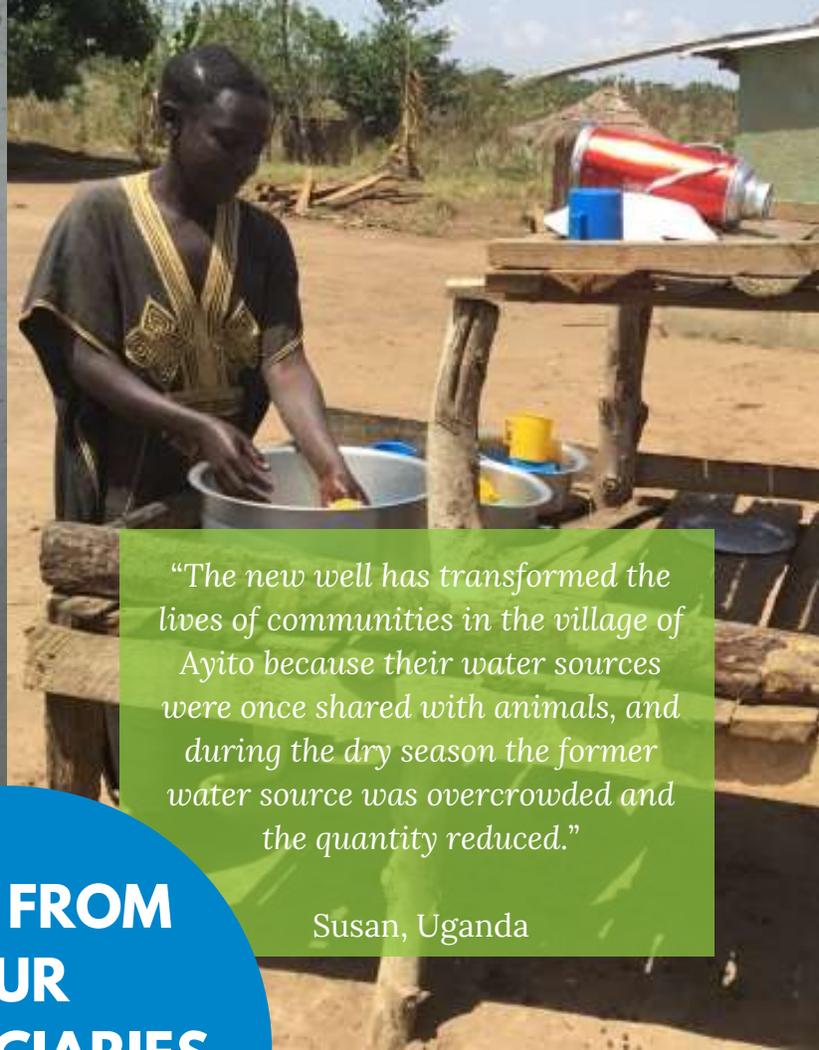


Sustain for Life
every penny counts



“Having this tank has completely changed my life, and gives me more time to spend with my daughter, Martha.”

Karina, Mexico

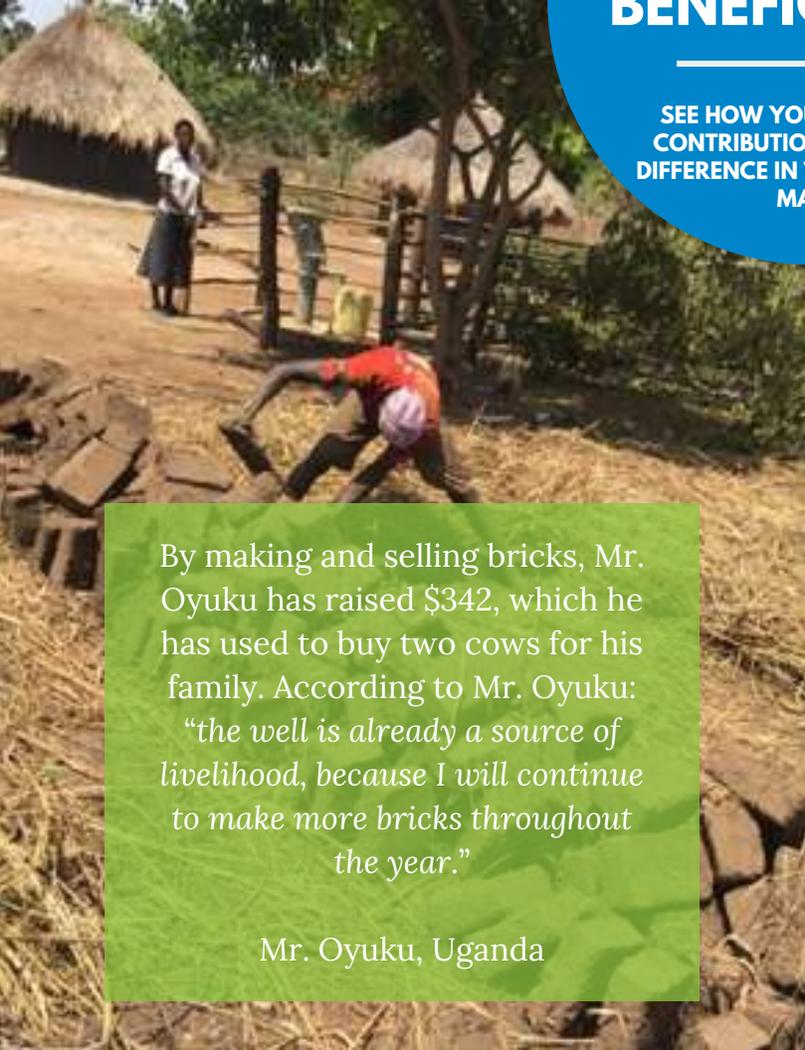


“The new well has transformed the lives of communities in the village of Ayito because their water sources were once shared with animals, and during the dry season the former water source was overcrowded and the quantity reduced.”

Susan, Uganda

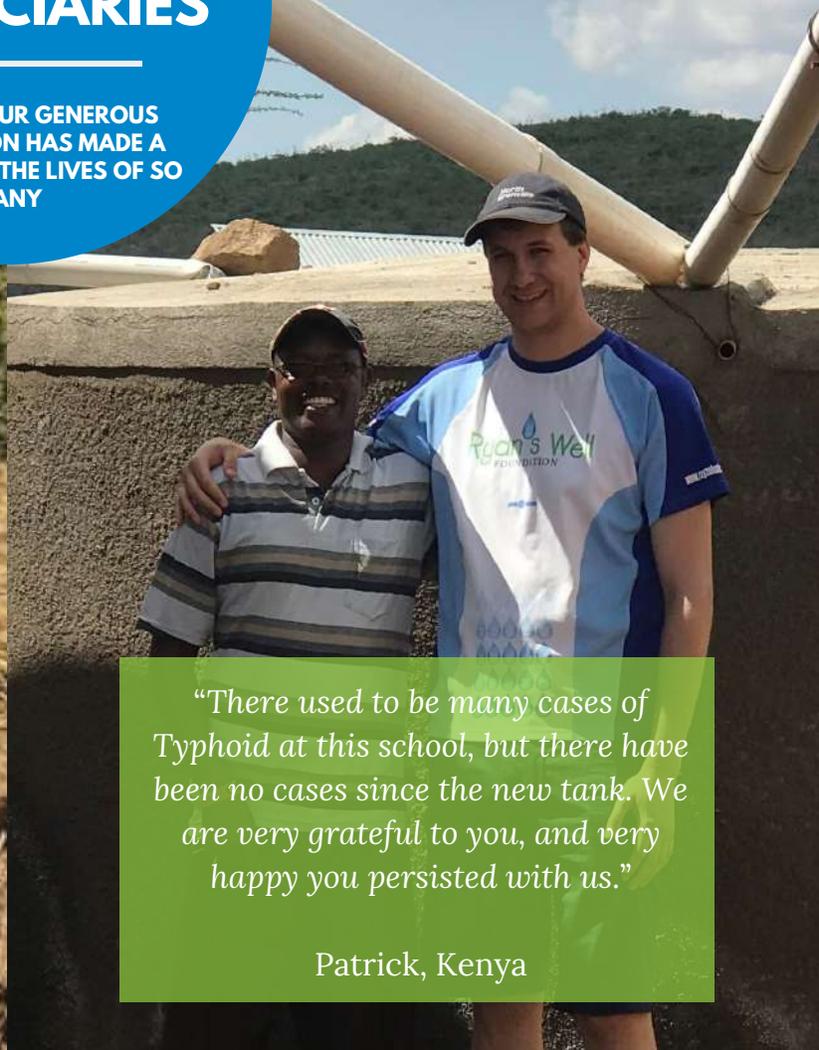
**HEAR FROM
OUR
BENEFICIARIES**

**SEE HOW YOUR GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTION HAS MADE A
DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO
MANY**



By making and selling bricks, Mr. Oyuku has raised \$342, which he has used to buy two cows for his family. According to Mr. Oyuku: *“the well is already a source of livelihood, because I will continue to make more bricks throughout the year.”*

Mr. Oyuku, Uganda



“There used to be many cases of Typhoid at this school, but there have been no cases since the new tank. We are very grateful to you, and very happy you persisted with us.”

Patrick, Kenya

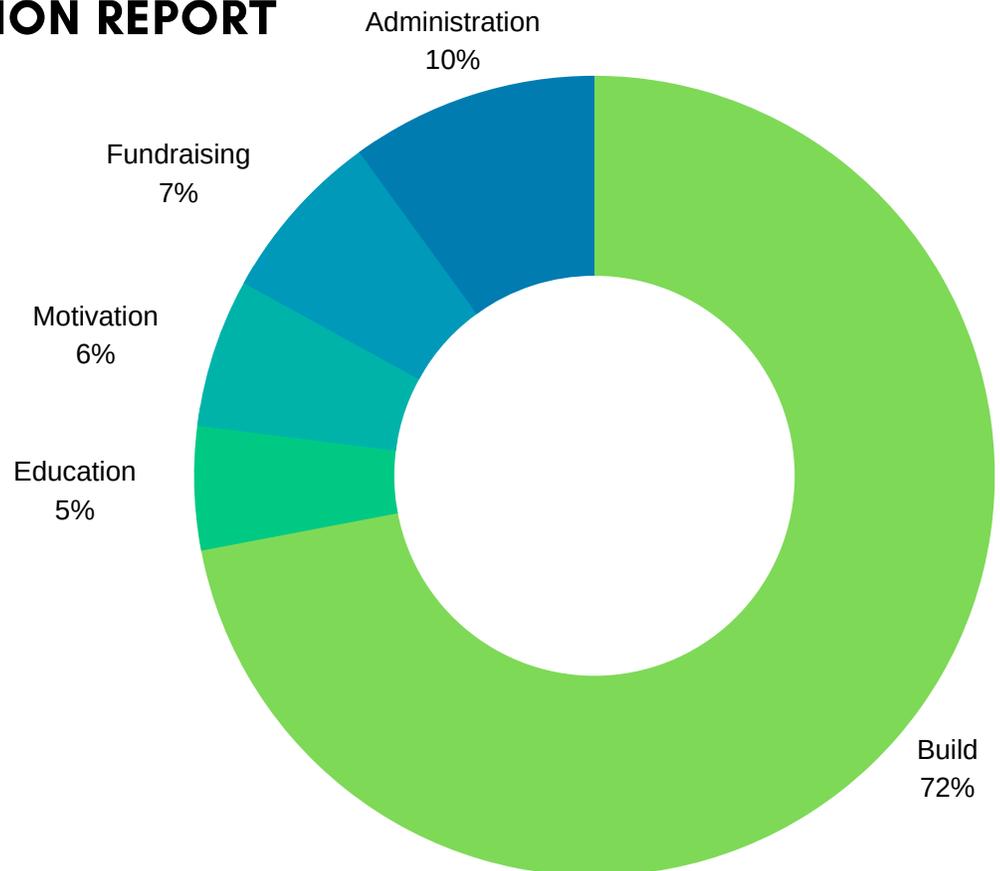
FINANCIALS

Over the past three years, an average of 83 cents of every donation dollar spent has directly supported our charitable programs (Build - Educate - Motivate). As we continue to examine ways to grow and diversify our revenue stream, we are deeply committed to ensuring donations are directed towards our mission of improving lives and effecting change in the world. Our small and efficient team is critical to keeping our overall fundraising costs at 7%, and our average administration costs remain unchanged over the past four years at 10%.

The Foundation's fiscal year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Our annual audit and financial statements were completed this year (2019) by the firm of Hendry Warren LLP. This audit can be found under 2018-19 Audited Financial Statements on the Ryan's Well Foundation website at www.ryanswell.ca

EXPENSE ALLOCATION REPORT

FISCAL 2018-19



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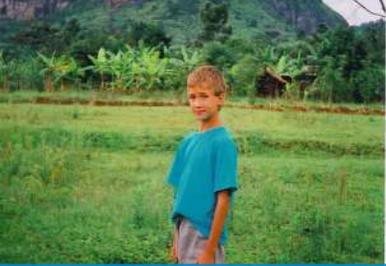
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