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The Ryan's Well Foundation announces their 1000th well and a commitment to 1000 more water projects

KEMPTVILLE- Founder and community engagement coordinator, Ryan Hreljac, makes commitment to continue pursuing dream of bringing clean water to all

Ryan Hreljac, the founder and community engagement coordinator at the Ryan's Well Foundation has announced the Foundation's upcoming 1000th well and has pledged a commitment to the next 1000 water projects.

"Today, I have the pleasure of announcing a milestone in the history of the Ryan's Well Foundation. We have begun work on our 1000th well which will be located in Northern Uganda. This has a special meaning to me, as Uganda is where our first well was built."

He continues, "As a kid I had a dream of raising enough money for a well. Now Ryan's Well has grown that dream into a reality, benefitting hundreds of thousands of people across the world. This milestone is a testament to the tenacity and worth of ordinary people changing the world for the better, and it's only the beginning."

Ray Zahab, Canadian Adventurer, Founder of Impossible2Possible, and Ambassador for the Ryan's Well Foundation, says, "To say I respect the integrity and passion of this young man is an understatement. Ryan began his volunteer journey by wanting to build a well in Africa. Once he collected enough money for the first well, he didn't stop. Now he is about to finish his 1000th well and he shows no signs of slowing down. He continues to approach a wide variety of organizations and individuals to raise more funds for water projects like water tanks, wells and latrines."

Hreljac urges Canadians to become aware of the water crisis in developing countries and to make a difference in any way they can. "Every little bit counts. Whatever you can donate, whether it is funds or your time, is so appreciated and needed for us to reach our goal of changing the futures of millions by bringing access to clean water to desolate areas."

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Ryan Hreljac and Ray Zahab will be available for interviews from July 27th- 31st from 9AM- 4PM. To book an interview, please contact:

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The Ryan's Well Foundation was founded in 2001. To date they have completed 992 water projects and 1,163 latrines; bringing safe water and sanitation to over 842, 828 people in 16 developing nations. Registered charity number NO: 88858 7110 RR0001. For more information on upcoming events, visit www.ryanswell.ca