



Ryan's Well completes its 600th Project in celebration of Ryan's Day

July 27, 2010 (KEMPTVILLE, Ont.) – To celebrate Ryan's Day on July 27, the Ryan's Well Foundation is announcing another momentous milestone – the completion of its 600th water and sanitation project. In just over one year, Ryan's Well has completed an additional 100 projects bringing access to clean water and sanitation to over 685,000 people.

In a northern Ugandan village, Ryan's Day is celebrated each year on July 27. This day marks the anniversary of Ryan Hreljac's first trip to the Angolo Primary School in 1999 – the site of his first well. Over 10 years later, this well continues to serve the school and neighbouring communities. In gratitude, the town named July 27th "Ryan's Day" and each year on this day students take time off school to volunteer in their own town and surrounding communities.

"It is humbling to have a day recognized in my honour, but it is even more rewarding to see the positive impacts of our projects on communities, especially children," said Ryan Hreljac.

The Angolo Primary School is just one example where a well and a latrine (constructed in 2007) allow children the opportunity to go to school rather than spend hours a day collecting water. Children also learn about such hygiene practices as washing your hands and preparing food properly. Because of the work of Ryan's Well, the school has grown from 800 students in 2007 to over 1000 students and 17 teachers.

About Ryan's Well Foundation: The Ryan's Well Foundation grew out of the commitment of one boy, Ryan Hreljac, who learned of the great need for safe water in developing countries. The Ryan's Well Foundation is a family of people committed to delivering access to safe water and sanitation as an essential way to improve the lives of people in the developing world. We empower citizens of all ages to take action and effect change in the world. To date the Foundation has financed 602 projects in 16 countries serving more than 685,000 people. Founded in 2001, Ryan's Well is a registered Canadian charity - No. 88858 7110 RR0001. (www.ryanswell.ca)

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