



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ottawa, ON - **Ryan Hreljac, Founder of Ryan's Well, To Give Keynote Speech at Day of Information for a Lifetime of Action at the University of Ottawa**

What: Ryan Hreljac, who, as a six year old boy gained international acclaim by fundraising for a well in Africa, will give the keynote speech at Day of Information for a Lifetime of Action (DILA). Ryan will speak to an audience of over 400 local high school students on the subject of empowering and motivating youth to make a real difference in the world.

Where: University of Ottawa Montpetit Gymnasium

When: Wednesday, October 16th, 2013

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

The Ryan's Well Foundation grew from the commitment of one boy, Ryan Hreljac, who learned of the great need for clean and safe water in developing countries in his 1st grade class. With the support of friends, family and the community, Ryan raised enough money to build a well in Africa. In 1999, at age seven, Ryan's first well was built at Angolo Primary School in northern Uganda.

Although Ryan started raising money for water projects in 1998, the Foundation was not formed until 2001. Since then, Ryan's Well has helped build over **803** water projects and **1012** latrines bringing safe water and improved sanitation to over **796,558** people.

Day of Information for a Lifetime of Action (DILA): This is the eighth year the DILA conference has been held at the University of Ottawa. Each year it brings together over 400 youth from almost every high school in Ottawa. Presentations are given by NGOs and community groups about issues of interest to youth.

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