

Dear Supporter,



FALL 2016 UPDATE

### A MESSAGE FROM RYAN!



What a year! It's amazing to have been able to work with people all over the world through Ryan's Well. From promoting awareness and fundraising, to being fortunate enough to be involved with on-the-ground project work in our partners' countries; they have all been such rewarding experiences. We are so fortunate to have so many great opportunities to expand and grow the work that we do. It is my hope that we all use these opportunities to the fullest in order to help bring the gift of clean water to people all around the world. Starting this school project as a six year old, I thought that I could bring the world clean water by working hard to vacuum my house. I may have been naïve to think that I understood the world's problems at such a young age, but all these years later, it's amazing to see that I wasn't wrong in the slightest. Thank you to all the people out there who have the courage to think like a six year old.

### SHAWN'S TWO CENTS



*"I had the pleasure of meeting Ryan and his father, Mark, at a Global Issues Conference for high school students. Ryan is the real deal, and the Foundation is wonderful! Please consider helping Ryan and the Foundation achieve the goal of clean water for all!"*

- Scott Brink, American-International School of Muscat

It was my pleasure and privilege to serve as Chairman for the Ryan's Well Foundation in 2015-16. I was thrilled to be able to travel to Uganda in early April to see for myself some of the projects that were completed last year. Our two partners in Uganda, Divine Waters and RWIDF (Rukingiri Women's Integrated Development Foundation) are so impressive. At each well and water source we visited, community committees would greet us – deeply proud to tell us of their work in managing the well, and profoundly grateful for the help that flowed to them from so many generous strangers through a small office in Kemptonville, Ontario. I want to thank our board members, our staff, our volunteers and, of course, our donors; it's your commitment that makes this vital work possible.

### HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THE BENEFITS OF MONTHLY GIVING?

By donating on a monthly basis, you provide a consistent level of support that enables us to better plan for the future. Setting up is quick and easy and can be done online ([www.ryanswell.ca/donate](http://www.ryanswell.ca/donate)), by phone at 1-613-258-6832, or on the back of this newsletter. Think about it – monthly giving is a very effective way to help make a huge impact!

### GET TO KNOW US ONLINE!

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Please take the time to give. Detach the donation slip below and mail in the enclosed envelope. Your generous contribution will make a difference in the lives of thousands of people. For the **MONTHLY** donation option, please see other side.

### Yes, I want to give a **ONE-TIME ONLY** gift of clean water and brighter futures!

- \$100
- \$75
- \$50
- \$20
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Please find enclosed my cheque payable to "Ryan's Well Foundation."

Please bill my credit card   Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Would you like a Canadian tax receipt?  Yes  No

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I would like to receive Ryan's Well e-mail updates

Yes, please contact me by e-mail.

Ryan's Well Foundation appreciates your gift and respects your privacy. We do not sell or trade our donor information. If, at any time, you wish to be removed from these periodic contacts, please contact us at 1-613-258-6832 or [info@ryanswell.ca](mailto:info@ryanswell.ca)

**Thank you!**

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**WITH 100% DONATIONS, 100% HELPS!**

Below is an excerpt from a letter from "True Believer in Washington State" (pictured with Susan Hreljac), the generous donor responsible for our 100% donation initiative. Thanks to this amazing contribution, 100% of ALL individual, one-time donations will go directly towards our BUILD and EMPOWER programs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>; all administrative and fundraising costs are covered! To read the full letter, please visit <http://bit.ly/2bE4WJS>

*"I've [...] determined that the Ryan's Well Foundation is the water organization I want to help support."*



**THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS**

This year was full of accomplishments for Ryan and the Foundation. This year alone, Ryan received the National Emerging Leader Award at Canada's Volunteer Awards, for which the Foundation received \$10,000, and the World of Children Alumni Award in California (\$44,000). Ryan also spoke at various events, such as the Stand Up! Student Leadership Day in Chicago, and gave talks in Mexico, and throughout Canada. For upcoming appearances, please visit [www.ryanswell.ca/news-media/upcoming-appearances](http://www.ryanswell.ca/news-media/upcoming-appearances)



**A LOOK BACK, AND A LOOK TO THE FUTURE...**



In 2015, Ryan's Well saw the completion of 98 water projects and 66 latrines, complete with hand-washing stations in Uganda, Kenya, Haiti, Togo, Ghana, and Burkina Faso, providing clean water to over 23,000 people. Since our inception, we have completed over 1,090 water projects, 1,229 latrines, and provided clean water to over 864,768 people. This year, we have 76 water projects in the works that will provide potable water to over 22,000 people. We are also evaluating work done on 188 water project sites that have been completed since 2003. This look-back will help us guide future project work, working with communities to identify what works, and what needs improvement in order to make projects as sustainable as possible. We will also be comparing pre- and post-project area health statistics with government health clinics in order to guide us further in the delivery of our community WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) training.

**STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, GET READY!**

This year's School Challenge, which focused on building five deep-bore hole wells, and giving WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) training to communities in Burkina Faso was a complete success! Students from all over were doing everything from bake sales, to water walks, to dyeing their teacher's hair to raise funds for Ryan's Well. A big thank you to all schools that participated!

Next year, during the 2016-2017 school year, we have big plans to re-vamp our School Challenge, with more interaction between schools and Ryan himself, and other exciting new developments. Stay tuned to our website at [www.ryanswell.ca](http://www.ryanswell.ca) for more details of the things to come!



Ryan with Helen Nowell's grade 3/4 class at John Young Elementary School in Ottawa, Ontario

**AT A LOSS FOR THAT PERFECT GIFT FOR SOMEONE?**

With Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, thank yous – there are so many occasions to acknowledge someone special in your life. Giving the gift of clean and safe water as well as proper sanitation is the perfect way to give the "gift that keeps on giving", and – if you want an e-mail or card sent to your recipient, we would be happy to do that as well. Just contact us at [info@ryanswell.ca](mailto:info@ryanswell.ca) or 1-613-258-6832 and we will handle the rest. Stress-free shopping and making a difference too!

**A HUGE SHOUT-OUT TO**




For their incredible contributions to the Ryan's Well Foundation over the years! Thank you!

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Please find enclosed my VOID cheque payable to "Ryan's Well Foundation."  
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**Thank you!**

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