

# **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER:**

2023

Celebrating 25 years

#### Take a trip down memory lane with us!



Ryan's first appearance on Oprah 2001



Jane Goodall joining Ryan to annoucce 500th well! 2009





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1998 - Ryan starts fundraising at age 6 to build his first well

2001 - Documentary Ryan's Well, directed by Lalita Krishna, is released - Rvan's Well Foundation is formed

Ryan's first appearance on Oprah Winfrey show 2003 - Ryan invited back on Oprah Winfrey show Ryan youngest recipient of Order of Canada 2006 - Herb Shoveller publishes the book "Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa that Brought them together"

2009 - First school challenge launches

Ryan, along with Dr. Jane Goodall, announce the completion of 500th well

2011 - New logo launched in celebration of Ryan's Well's 10th anniversary

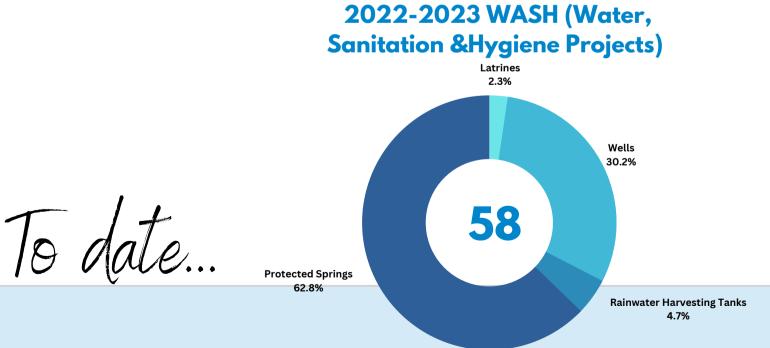
2015 - InSync Media releases 2nd documentary, Return to Ryan's Well

1000th water project

2019 - Announcement of 1,000,000 beneficiaries 2020 - Receives one of Canada's Top 100 Charities status from Charity Intelligence

2022/23- Receives 5 star rating from Charity Intelligence

- RWF back in the field after pandemic monitoring trips to Uganda and Ghana.



## **1724 WATER PROJECTS COMPLETED 1321 LATRINES BUILT** 1,402,006 PEOPLE NOW HAVE CLEAN WATER

#### 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



#### GHANA, JANUARY 2023

The RWF Team was back in the field in January 2023, for a monitoring trip to Ghana, with the following findings:

- Construction and installation of boreholes: Apron has good slope for run-off to avoid stagnant water, good masonry work, Afridev hand pumps easy to use, good site selections.
- Installation of faucets and hand washing stations, especially in CHP compounds.
- Mobilization of communities (can tell everyone received WASH training and were involved in well construction process). Clearing of roads, maintenance of well apron, digging trenches, addition of rocks around well, cleaning polytanks, replacing filters, etc.
- WASH training completed and formation of WATSANS for maintenance/management of well.
- Communication to communities regarding who to call when something breaks.
- Encouraging sense of ownership within communities (determining user fees, locking the source, adding rocks around well, etc.)
- DONA keeping RWF well-informed on project activities and country issues (i.e., Jacobu Kontenase community updates, black flies in summer months, etc.).

#### LOCAL PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: RWIDF

RWIDF (Rukungiri Women Integrated Development Foundstion) is our experienced and dedicated partner on the ground in Uganda. They are are a women focused non-governmental organization based in Western Uganda. Their mandate is to enhance the skills, livelihoods and well-being of women, girls and youth as a way of supporting communities, and increase awareness of water, sanitation and hygienic standards, income promotion, reproductive health, food security, education, good governance and human rights advocacy. We are immensely proud of the stellar work this organization has done in bringing clean water and sanitaion to so many; while championing the rights or women and girls in the region.

#### MEXICO, JULY 2023

Ryan was invited to Mexico in July. He was keynote speaker and guest at a variety of events. These included:

- FIE International Forum of Entrepreneurs Junior Achievement Mexico (Private event for young people and teachers from all over the republic
- Kipling Lomas Verdes Institute
- Valle de Bravo rainwater collection cisterns visit
- TEC DE HIDALGO keynote speech
- Mano Amiga Chalco School
- HUERTO ROMA (Garden and experimental space)

Ryan received a warm welcome from so many enthusiastic young people during his time in Mexico. We thank Rosa Morales, Board Chair of YZ Proyectos de desarrollo, for her incredible dedication and facilitation of this visit.

#### SCHOOL CHALLENGE

This year's School Challenge will help three primary schools in the Mitooma, Ntungamo, and Rukungiri district of Western Uganda. Nyakishwojwa Primary School is in Rwanyabujana village, Mitooma district, and its 550 students and teachers will receive a 30,000L rainwater harvesting tank. Kitoojo Model Primary School is in Kitoojo village, Ntungamao district, and its 1,270 students and teachers will also receive a 30,000L rainwater harvesting tank. Finally, Kafuka Primary School is in Rushaya village, Rukungiri district, and its 164 students and teachers will receive a 4-stance lined Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrine. With a total donation goal of \$28,979 CAD, the 2023-24 School Challenge project will help more than 1,984 people access clean water and sanitation services by March 2024.

If your school would like more information on how to become involved in the Challenge, visit ryanswell.ca/schoolchallenge or contact info@ryanswell.ca



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### **FROM RYAN**



#### I still remember the very first donation we received for the Ryan's Well project.

I was working hard doing all sorts of different chores around my neighborhood and it was going slowly, to say the least, I didn't know if we would ever get the funds for the well. Then one day I received a cheque for \$20 from a neighbour I worked for but as a donation instead. My parents then had to explain to me what a cheque was and I remember I was over the moon! We were that much closer to the well and sure enough; with a lot more help, a year later we were able to put in a well that lead to so much more and changed the world.

To all of our supporters, donors and monthly donors: thank you. Thank you for dreaming of a world where everyone can have access to clean water, and for taking action to make it happen. We've never been more excited and more efficient in getting people in this world clean accessible water.

Thank you for joining us in making that happen!

Ryan

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#### JOYFUL GIVING

#### There are many advantages for deciding to become a monthly

**donor.** For example, it allows you to be more strategic with your charitable giving. It also makes it easier for you to keep track - especially if you donate to more than one charity. You can upgrade, change or cancel your gift at any time - there is no sign-up obligation. By donating on a monthly basis, you are helping us to more effectively budget for the future.

Setting yourself up is very easy on our secure website www.ryanswell.ca/donate.

Another way for meaningful donating is legacy giving. Talk to your financial advisor or bank about ways in which to leave a lasting legacy that will continue to change lives long into the future. Lastly, consider talking to your employer to see if they offer employee payroll deduction to charities. Some employers even offer donation matching! We would be happy to recognize your company in future publications.

"We were initially inspired to support Ryan's Well Foundation when we first learned how then-young Ryan opened his small heart to a BIG door. We believe that giving to Ryan's Well has strengthened our personal values; it gives us immense pleasure, and we look forward to supporting Ryan's heartfelt and rewarding journey by helping him and the dedicated staff put many more smiles on the many needy faces."

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- Frank and Dina Sirach, longtime RWF supporters

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