



water to thrive

BUILD WELLS CHANGE LIVES

PROGRESS REPORT 2019

Worldwide, 663 million people lack access to clean, safe drinking water.

Everyone deserves access to clean, safe water. It affects everything. It means education for children, especially girls. It means time saved and spent on other activities, including earning money. It means improved health and reduced mortality. It means hope for the future.

Water to Thrive's supporters are making a difference in the lives of people in rural Africa. As we enter our second decade of service, you have funded over 1,000 wells giving nearly 600,000 people the gift of water.

What's next? Water to Thrive would like to continue to make a big impact on the world water crisis. Our sights are set on our next 1,000 wells.

Only with your help and support of a mission to change the world can this be accomplished.

Our first 10 years of service

\$8,001,948*
in donations

1000+
wells funded

575,000+
people served

In 2019 alone,
with our supporters' help...

85
wells
50K
people

Ethiopia

20
wells
11K
people

Uganda

10
wells
5K
people

Tanzania

Learn more at
watertothrive.org/waterprojects

*Total revenue for W2T of \$8,001,948, from inception to December 31, 2018, are based on unaudited financial statements, not including a startup grant from Thrivent Financial. These expenditures are made possible by restricted gifts that are identified by donors and sponsors, designated for specific water projects, and by unrestricted gifts that cover operating expenses from Water Angels, Chef's Table Austin, and other fundraising activities.

Detailed financials for each year (IRS Form 990) are available at watertothrive.org/financials.

BUILD WELLS.

Throughout our first decade, during our Dig Deep efforts to reach 1,000 wells, and in the months since we achieved that milestone, our fundraisers have been inspiring in their efforts and creativity to raise funds for water. This year, you've sold coffee, lemonade, and cookies to help those in need. You've run Change4Change campaigns in schools and bible schools, gathered Sunday offerings in congregations, and reached out to friends and loved ones in private and public fundraisers. You've supported college graduation wells, wells in memory of loved ones, birthday donations, and more. Our donors make the difference!



St. Paul Lutheran Church of Fort Worth, TX

St. Paul's "Mission of the Month" program brings the congregation together to raise money for a different mission every month. In 2010, they chose Water to Thrive as one of these missions, and in the years since then, they have funded 31 wells!

"St. Paul Lutheran Church is pleased to support a Gospel-motivated organization that helps transform families in the world's most remote regions with clean, safe drinking water," said SPLC executive director Chris Rodgers. "Our love for Christ compels us to respond with the support of projects that bring hope to breaking cycles of physical poverty. It is our great pleasure to partner with Water to Thrive as advocates for people who haven't yet experienced the joy of life-giving drinking water. We see God making a difference in these communities. May He receive the glory!"



Great Lemonade Challenge

This fundraising campaign was a partnership of Vagabond Media Group, Cayman Water Company, and Logic Communications Limited, with the hard work of many kids selling lemonade! Monica Walton, founder of Vagabond Media Group, travelled with Water to Thrive to Uganda this past summer and was inspired to create change when she returned home. "I fell in love with Uganda, with the families, and with the work Water to Thrive does," Monica said. And so the Great Lemonade Challenge was born.



Cayman Water representatives said, "When Monica presented us the opportunity to help a school in need in Uganda, we eagerly worked together to find a way we could combine our missions." With the support of the three sponsorships, local children raised money by selling lemonade. In October, the campaign raised more than enough to fund a well, and the children are all very happy that the money raised will go towards building a well that will benefit their peers in Uganda.



Fresh Coffee to Clean Water

Eden Wild is a smart, vibrant 13-year-old in California with a heart to make change. Born in Ethiopia, she was adopted by the Wild family when she was two. As she got older, she realized many people in her birth village and surrounding areas did not have access to clean water. Eden decided to create her "Fresh Coffee to Clean Water" fundraising campaign with Water to Thrive because "I want to do something to give back to the people I came from. I saw what Water to Thrive was doing and I thought, 'I want to be a part of that.'"

Eden created the company Buna Tarik Roasters. (Her birth name is Tarik, which means "story," so her company is "coffee with a story.") Eden's company sells home-roasted Ethiopian coffee, which she roasts herself, and the proceeds go to her campaign for clean water. Eden hopes that one day "every child in Ethiopia - and everywhere - has access to clean water." Her first campaign has almost reached the full \$5,000, and she is ready to keep going!

For more stories, current campaigns you can support, and a full list of campaigns that funded wells in 2018, go to watertothrive.org/campaigns

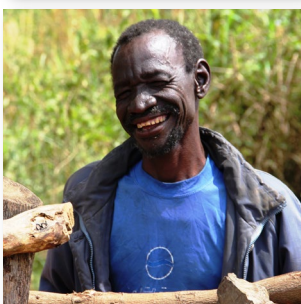
CHANGE LIVES.

The blessing of clean, safe water changes every life for the better. Children have time to go to school and are healthy enough to learn. Parents have time to make economic contributions to their families and their communities. Whole villages thrive and prosper. Meet some of the people whose lives have been changed by the water projects funded over the years by our generous donors who believe in our mission to make an impact for good in the world.



Birtukan, a farmer, wife, and mother, in the Malga district of Sidamo, Ethiopia

Water to Thrive built a well in Birtukan's village this past year. "Before construction of this well," Birtukan said, waterborne diseases like "amoeba, cholera, and typhoid were common illnesses. Travelling to the nearby clinic took more than four hours round trip and it costs on average 500 birr per person." Not only did the dirty water source cause illness, but the daily journey for water was dangerous. "Gender violence, abduction and rape were also common in our area," she said, "especially when women and young girls travelled to water points in late afternoon." Now Birtukan only walks minutes to a safe water source. "Thank God! The situation is now changed and our lives are rescued because of the gift of this water. I just want to say thank you!"



Jacob, a well guard and father in Baroromo, a village in the Apac district of Uganda

Jacob's village used to get water from a swamp two miles away. Diarrhea, worms, typhoid and other water-related illnesses affected many people in the village. "The water was disgusting but it was all we had," Jacob said. In 2007, Jacob lost his wife of 35 years to a water-related illness. Now, however, Baroromo has a Water to Thrive well and no one else has gotten sick.



Jacob leaves at 6 o'clock every morning for his job as caretaker of the well. More than 400 people from six small villages use the well and Jacob told us he is not about to let them down. "They all voted for me to be the caretaker and I am determined to do a good job and help the well last for a long time." His job requires him to unlock the pump at 7 a.m. and lock it up again at 6 p.m.. He is also responsible for keeping the area around the well clean and offering hygiene and sanitation tips to users. "I am very, very happy that we now have this clean water and that my friends and neighbors will not have to suffer like my family did."



Jacqueline, a village council officer, wife, and mother, in the village of Chapakazi in the Manyara region of Tanzania

Before Water to Thrive built a well in Jacqueline's village, she said, "we went to the nearby riverbed to collect water. The source was used by cattle, donkeys, and other wild animals and was extremely contaminated by their foot prints and animal dung. To minimize the risk of getting sick, we would collect firewood and boil the water. But still it is a hard task to gather firewood every day, so people still drink and use river water for domestic activities." Waterborne diseases like typhoid and diarrhea were common in her village, and transportation to a clinic and medication were costly.

"Thanks to this project and the donors, our life is greatly changed," Jacqueline said, describing the impact of the water project. "Every day we can collect plenty of water from this hand pump well. The clinical cases of waterborne diseases are greatly decreased. Besides we saved our money, time, and energy and can now be involved in other income-generation activities. May God bless the donors of this project."

Meet other beneficiaries at watertothrive.org/changedlives

Sustaining Our Mission

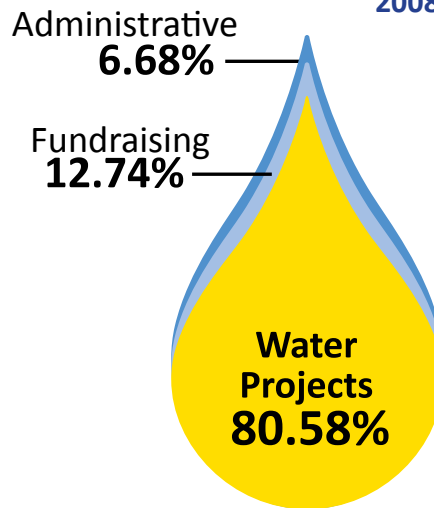
Drop by Drop, you can keep the water flowing. The **100 Percent Promise** is our pledge to you that every dollar given for water goes for water. However, our mission has needs beyond the funding of water projects, and so we also have **The Drop by Drop Fund** for unrestricted gifts that sustain our work.

We use the word “sustain” deliberately. To ensure that our mission continues, that we can continue to bring the blessing of clean, safe water to people in need, we must have a strong foundation. **Each dollar invested in The Drop by Drop Fund lets us return \$6 for water projects.**

From our early days, generous donors called **Water Angels** have invested in our work with annual pledges of at least \$1,000 to support our operating expenses and keep our work going. Donors also support operations by giving directly to The Drop by Drop Fund or by **adding another 10 percent** to water donations to cover associated costs of our work. Our annual Chef’s Table Austin event brings in much-needed dollars for the fund as well – \$170,000 in 2019!

Each of these has been crucial to our work. Now, to support our infrastructure, to allow

Water to Thrive Expenditures 2008-2018



us to fund another 1,000 wells and to help even more people, we invite you to join our efforts in a small but very significant way.

We have created **Water Guardians**, a sustained monthly giving program for donors giving at whatever level they can, from \$5 to \$50. **As a Water Guardian, you will help secure the future of our work.** This new monthly giving program will launch in 2020.

Learn more and become a part of our future at watertothrive.org/everymonth.

More in-depth coverage of our work, including complete financial reporting, list of full-project donors, photos from events including Chef’s Table Austin and Change4Change campaigns, and a full breakdown of water project statistics is available at watertothrive.org/2019

Water to Thrive In-Country Partners

Water to Thrive works with local non-governmental agencies in all aspects of well site selection and construction.

Ethiopia

Relief Society of Tigray
Ethiopian Orthodox Church
- Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission
Mekane Yesus - Development and Social Services Committee (South Central Ethiopian Synod and Central Gibe Synod)

Tanzania

KINNAPA

Uganda

Partners for Community Transformation

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Vision

A world where we share generously to provide health and hope, through water, to all we serve.

Mission

Water to Thrive transforms lives in rural Africa by working with partners and beneficiaries to bring the blessing of clean, safe water, connecting communities in need with supporters who have the heart and spirit to make a difference.

Values

Stewardship Transparency Impact
Accountability Integrity Empowerment