Why Water?

An effort to help others with no access to clean water

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“Do not wait until you’re thirsty to dig a well.”
- Chinese proverb
understanding how water affects our lives, the consequences of dirty water, and how to transform lives in developing communities in the fight for clean water
The daily requirement for sanitation, bathing, and cooking needs, as well as for assuring survival, is about 13.2 gallons per person.
“Every human should have the idea of taking care of the environment, of nature, of water. So using too much or wasting water should have some kind of feeling or sense of concern. Some sort of responsibility and with that, a sense of discipline.” - The Dalai Lama
Animals Need Clean Water
“Water is fundamental for life and health. The human right to water is indispensable for leading a healthy life in human dignity. It is a pre-requisite to the realization of all other human rights.” - The United Nations Committee on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights
“Children of a culture born in a water-rich environment, we have never really learned how important water is to us. We understand it, but we do not respect it.” - William Ashworth, author of “Nor Any Drop to Drink”
Animal Habitat
Animal Sustenance
Animal Hygiene
“Water, like religion and ideology, has the power to move millions of people. Since the very birth of human civilization, people have moved to settle close to it. People move when there is too little of it. People move when there is too much of it. People journey down it. People write, sing and dance about it. People fight over it. And all people, everywhere and every day, need it.”

- Mikhail Gorbachev, President of Green Cross International
Clean, safe water is something most of us take for granted, but nearly 900 million people do not have access to it and 2.5 billion have nowhere safe and clean to go to the toilet.
SAFETY

Cooking

PRACTICALITY
The average American family uses 100 to 175 gallons of water at home every day. The average African uses about 5 gallons of water every day.
CONSEQUENCES of
“We need a global approach to this from all sides. We need to educate people, we need the scientists to create new technologies, we need the engineers to create the networks, we need every human being to be aware of how precious water is and save it. Everybody has to be involved in a very firm and assertive way.”

- Isabel Allende, author
“If a child fell ill it was normal because that is how we lived. It was not unusual for children to die. There was so much illness. There was so much stress which can lead to conflict.”

- Awa, Mali

“The water is pea green, flies are buzzing across the surface of the water, plants are growing in the water and garbage is strewn across the banks. There are cows drinking from the water and there are animal droppings everywhere.”

- Ayisa Bombu, Ghana
"To the people of poor nations, we pledge to work alongside you to make your farms flourish and let clean waters flow."

- President Barack Obama, Inaugural Address
One half of the world’s hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from water-related diseases.
In the past ten years, diarrhea has killed more children than all the people lost to armed conflict since World War II.
Millions of women and children spend several hours a day collecting water from distant, often polluted, sources.

“Water was extremely scarce in this village and clean water was not available. I had to get up at 3:00 a.m. to collect water. It used to take me more than three hours walking down steep, narrow paths to collect 20 liters of water. Many times I dropped my bucket while walking down the steep narrow paths and it rolled down the terraces.”

- Shaili Tithung, Nepal
“There used to be sewage on the streets that contaminated the groundwater. The streets outside were very dirty and smelly. Quarrels between women would be bad. We would argue about whose rubbish and waste was causing a smell.”

- Irshad Bibi, Pakistan
A person can live weeks without food but only days without water.
For children under five, water-related diseases are the leading cause of death.
Dear Mr. Bl.,
Will you ask people to go to Africa and dig a well?

Sincerely,
Ashley Bir from Park Tabor.
Write Letters
Sign Petitions
Spread The Word
Educate Yourself

HELP?
Personal Fundraisers
On average, every US dollar invested in water and sanitation provides an economic return of eight US dollars.

**Raise Money For WaterAid**
“No single measure would do more to reduce disease and save lives in the developing world than bringing safe water and adequate sanitation to all.”

- UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan
Clean Water Is A Human Right

Have you ever counted how many times you use clean water in one day? Could you live one day without clean water? In developed countries, water is taken for granted and its value is not fully realized. I believe having access to clean water is a human right because without it, many other human rights, such as the right to an education and the right to life, are unable to be satisfied.

My name is Elisabeth Epstein and I developed the original idea for the children’s illustration book. After graduating from Indiana University with a concentration on International Human Rights, I was accepted into a Global Leadership Program with other students from around the world. While attending this program, I became inspired to act on one of the most pressing human rights issues in the world today - the water crisis. Upon my return, I quickly contacted Nancy Canull and Tina Sahakian and have been diligently working with Park Tudor School ever since.

I have had a great time working with the enthusiastic students and staff at Park Tudor School over the past few months. You have all been wonderful. Thank you for supporting our project about the global water crisis.

WaterAid is an international non-profit organization with a mission to eliminate poverty by enabling the world’s poorest people to gain access to clean water. Working in 17 developing countries throughout Africa, Asia and the Pacific region, WaterAid builds clean water taps, safe toilets, and educates the surrounding community about hygiene and sanitation safety. For more information about WaterAid, please visit their website at www.WaterAid.org.

“We used to breathe air saturated with human fecal matter because children would defecate anywhere. One needed to walk along designated footpaths always else you would trample on fresh fecal matter with your bare feet. Our human dignity was almost non-existent.”

- Mtakuleni, Malawi
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