

PAPER F  R WATER



**2022**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**



**"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER."**

**JOHN 13:34**



**PAPER  
FOR  
WATER'S**

**2022 IMPACT**



Throughout 2022, we were fortunate to speak on many stages about Paper for Water, including being featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show and even filming a scene for the upcoming feature, Gingersnap Christmas. While these moments are filled with lots of glitz and glam, the **best part** was sharing our mission with new audiences.

We are delighted and heartened to see the global progress towards ending the world water crisis. According to The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, the number of people lacking basic access to safe water compared to 2021 decreased by 14 million. This is another great step forward and we are celebrating! However, we know there is much more work ahead to make a future where access to clean water is a reality for all. Getting closer to that reality takes millions of people with each person making an impact and committing their time, talent, and resources to bring about a brighter world.

We are tremendously grateful to be surrounded by hundreds of volunteers and supporters who have helped Paper for Water fund twenty water wells and three sanitation stations in seven countries this year. More than **10,000** people now have access to clean water, mitigating the spread of waterborne illnesses and enabling their communities to continue to develop and prosper.

Our mission continues, one piece of paper, one person, at a time.

*Isabelle and Katherine Adams*  
CO-FOUNDERS AND CEOS

# GLOBAL IMPACT

The communities around the world without clean water access tell similar stories of dangerous, long hikes to unreliable water sources, of illness and death due to waterborne diseases, and of missed educational and career opportunities due to hours spent collecting water.

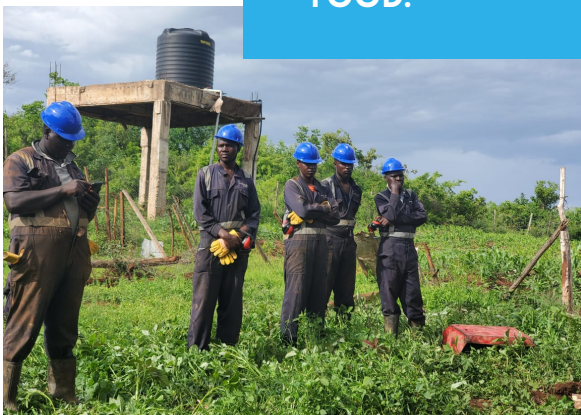
**Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our volunteers, in 2022 Paper for Water funded 23 water projects in India, Haiti, Guatemala, Kenya, Peru, Uganda, and Zambia.**

Throughout the year, Paper for Water raised \$52,000 to fully fund and implement a deep water project to supply clean water to the Upendo Kids Village, a community campus in Kenya. Serving 58 orphaned and vulnerable children with care and education, the institution faced significant challenges; during the dry season, their water source would often become unreliable, requiring the staff and children to collect water at a crocodile infested river. The illnesses contracted from unclean water would force students to lose precious time at school, increasing dropout rates and furthering the community's cycle of poverty. Our boots-on-the-ground partner, Living Water International (LWI), constructed a piped water system, feeding clean water throughout the campus.

This water project provides access to not only children and staff of the Upendo Kids Village but also an additional 350 community members!

**"WE NO LONGER HAVE TO BUY WATER FOR DRINKING! THE MONEY WE SAVE WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WHO COME TO THE ORPHANAGE. WE WILL ALSO USE THE WATER TO IRRIGATE CROPS IN OUR GREENHOUSE. WE EXPECT TO GROW ALL THE VEGETABLES WE CONSUME IN THE ORPHANAGE. THIS WILL REDUCE THE COST OF BUYING FOOD."**

**JOSEPHINE, TEACHER AT UPENDO KIDS VILLAGE**



**EARLY STAGES OF THE UPENDO KIDS VILLAGE PROJECT**

**“BEFORE THIS NEW WATER SOURCE, COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAD TO TRAVEL ALMOST ONE AND A HALF KILOMETERS TO BUY SAFE WATER. THIS NEW WATER SOURCE WILL PROVIDE SAFE WATER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THIS WILL RESULT IN US SAVING TIME AND MONEY. ABOVE ALL, IT WILL PROMOTE GOOD HYGIENE AND SANITATION IN THE COMMUNITY.”**

**MARCELINE MUREKEYISONI, FARMER IN GASHARU-BYIMANA**

The sponsors of our 10th Annual Event made possible the funding of three water projects for communities in Rwanda and Zambia. More than 700 residents of the Gasharu-Byimana community in Rwanda relied on a local spring for their water, which often took hours to collect even small quantities of water. The next closest water source was miles away, requiring the women and children to spend hours away from their community collecting water. The new well now provides clean water to the residents of Gasharu-Byimana and the added sustainability measures supported by LWI staff ensure that the community will be able to maintain the well for many years to come.

The residents of the Tuntulunka and Kangabala B communities in central Zambia both experienced the deadly consequences of unclean water, with residents often suffering from water-related illness. Harsh summers caused the communities' water sources to dry out and the communities were desperate for a solution. Thanks to the supporters of the 10th Annual Event, more than 400 residents of the Tuntulunka and Kangabala B communities now have access to clean water, making possible more opportunities for health and prosperity.

The global need for clean water access includes many communities within the United States. A third of families on the Navajo Nation live without running water and these families devote a significant portion of their day hauling barrels of water to their homes or purchase expensive bottled water. In 2022, Paper for Water funded \$35,000 for the Navajo Water Project, providing water access to families in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.



**FAMILIES ON THE NAVAJO NATION**

## CHANGE MAKERS MEMEBERS



Every part of Paper for Water's process is powered with the support of our talented volunteers of all ages. They support our mission by folding origami, hosting fundraising events and origami workshops, and sharing Paper for Water's mission with new audiences.

Our Change Makers Council brings together self-motivated youth volunteers to dream big and develop creative events and activities to support Paper for Water. In 2022, the Change Makers learned how to lead and speak through a Toastmasters program led by fellow volunteer and master Toastmaster, Helen Danby.

We are fortunate that many of the Change Makers who began volunteering with Paper for Water at a young age have now graduated high school and are continuing to support our mission by spreading awareness of the world water crisis on their college campuses. Regardless of their busy schedules, our youth volunteers have demonstrated that people of all ages can make a difference to their communities and beyond!

**"I VOLUNTEER FOR PAPER FOR WATER BEACUSE I GET TO HAVE FUN FOLDING AND GET TO BE A PART OF THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS ALL WHILE RAISING MONEY TO FUND LIFE-CHANGING WATER PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD."**

**WILLIAM BRASKAMP  
CHANGE MAKER LEADER  
YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR IN 2020**



# VOLUNTEER IMPACT



We are proud of our long-time volunteer Deborah Hecht who was recognized during the 16th Annual Invest in Others Awards for her philanthropic contributions to Paper for Water. Deborah not only volunteers hundreds of hours folding origami, but also helps lead our educational events and serves on the annual event committee. Our volunteers generously give us their time and talent, creating a positive ripple effect that impacts communities around the world.

Prior to 2020, the majority of Paper for Water's volunteer origami folding events occurred locally and in-person. The COVID-19 pandemic required additional creative ways for volunteers to support the mission, leading Paper for Water to develop virtual volunteer opportunities. All types of organizations have participated in our virtual volunteer activities, allowing teams to engage in a meaningful origami folding experience and learn more information about the world water crisis. Their origami has become integrated into many of Paper for Water's activities and events. We are grateful to the following organizations for taking the time to learn the art of origami and supporting efforts to end the world water crisis: Abbott, Capital One, Catalyst, Fossil, ISN, JP Morgan, Salesforce, Prudential, and Lexis Nexis.





# PAPER FOR WATER ON THE



Isabelle and Katherine shared Paper for Water’s mission on the Kelly Clarkson Show, discussing the critical importance of clean water in helping communities thrive around the world. Isabelle emphasized the impact that access to clean water has on the education of children and Katherine told a story from the early days of Paper for Water about an impactful trip to Ethiopia.

The CEO of Living Water International, Mike Mantel, and Sierra Leone Country Director Rosemarie Blake were also featured during the interview. Mike discussed the long-term partnership between Living Water International and Paper for Water, detailing Paper for Water’s impact and awarding Isabelle and Katherine with the Living Water Change Makers Award.

During the interview, Kelly Clarkson informed Isabelle and Katherine that the show had connected with H-E-B and had advocated for Paper for Water to receive a \$10,000 grant to help fund a water well for the Santa Elena Community in Peru!

# KELLY CLARKSON SHOW!



**"THE NEW WATER SOURCE WILL CHANGE OUR LIVES A LOT. WE WILL BE STRONGER IN AGRICULTURE AND OUR CHILDREN WILL BE MORE EAGER TO STUDY. THIS SOURCE WILL CHANGE A LOT FOR EVERYONE, AND FOR THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL."**

**ALEJANDRO HUAMANI ALHUAY  
COMMUNITY FARMER**

The remote location of the Santa Elena community made it almost impossible to construct a water system so its members were forced to haul water from the nearby river. Waterborne illnesses were common in Santa Elena due to the river's stagnant water and the dangerous riverbank, which frequently caused residents to slip and fall. The illnesses caused by the dirty water created a tragic series of events within the community - sick members could not work, causing them to lose their wages which were often already being used on expensive treatments to manage their waterborne illnesses. Alejandro Huamani Alhuay, a 74-year-old farmer in Santa Elena, described his community's experience with the water crisis: "One of the main problems of collecting water from the river was having to go down a steep slope to the river...the quality of the river water was not adequate, but we boiled it to be able to consume it. Still, some got sick."

Thanks to the Kelly Clarkson Show and H-E-B, the new well in Santa Elena now provides more than **200 people** with access to clean water, allowing its members to thrive without the serious dangers of unclean water.



# 2022

## BY THE NUMBERS



**\$195,000**

IN WATER  
AND SANITATION  
PROJECT FUNDING

**707**

DONATIONS MADE  
TO PAPER FOR WATER

**20**

WATER WELL  
PROJECTS BUILT



**3**

LATRINES AND SANITATION  
STATIONS BUILT

**10,200**

PEOPLE RECEIVED  
THE GIFT OF CLEAN  
WATER AND SANITATION



IT IS WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE THAT WE  
THANK OUR PARTNERS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY  
TO BRING WATER AND THE WORD TO THIRSTY.



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J.P.Morgan



**WE USE THE ART OF ORIGAMI TO PROVIDE  
MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
THAT CHANGE THE WORLD.**



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