

Lifewater Canada 2017 Annual Report



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Message from the Chairperson of the Board

My desire is that this year's annual report would encourage all who helped bring hope to the villages in Liberia, Kenya, Nigeria and Haiti, as well as to our home team and the many volunteers here in Canada and the US.

I had the opportunity to work with our team in Liberia this past fall. It was awe inspiring to see the difference you are making in the remote villages which have received a new well because of your generosity.

The World Bank estimates that water-related illnesses kill more African children under the age of five than HIV/AIDS, malaria and measles combined. In the past year, you have helped bring health to thousands of children and their families; helping children to survive and to give their parents peace of mind.

As you know, every water system built includes hygiene workshops to improve health and help stop the spread of deadly diseases. Education and knowledge will continue to spread through the generations, ensuring that your generosity keeps helping people for years to come.

In the coming year, we look forward to helping those who now only dream about having safe and life-saving water and joining with you to be agents for change.

Cheryl Hertan
Chairperson
Lifewater Canada

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Brief Introduction

Lifewater Canada (Lifewater.ca) has been a registered non-profit Christian charitable organization since 1997:

- ✓ Legal Name: Lifewater Canada
- ✓ Corporation Number: 344140-7
- ✓ Business Number: 885420737RR0001
- ✓ Netherlands AnBi RSIN Number: 8239.79.660

We train and equip local men & women in Haiti & Sub-Saharan Africa to drill wells, build washrooms and conduct basic hygiene workshops.

Just as importantly, Lifewater.ca connects you, the donor, with villages providing tens of thousands of men, women and children with these services each year. You are making a difference!

We exist because 2 billion people world wide without access to safe water and over 800,000 people die each year from diarrhea as a result of unsafe drinking-water, sanitation & hand hygiene.¹ We are inspired by Jesus to reach out a helping hand to those in need and are committed to provide humanitarian assistance to all people, regardless of religious affiliation, race or political persuasion.

To date, donors like you have together:

- ✓ Drilled over 1000 wells
- ✓ Rebuilt hundreds of out-of-service wells
- ✓ Repaired thousands of broken pumps
- ✓ Built nearly 100 communal washrooms
- ✓ Held countless health & hygiene workshops.



¹ World Health Organization Media Centre Fact Sheet, July 2017, retrieved from <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs391/en/>
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Where We Work

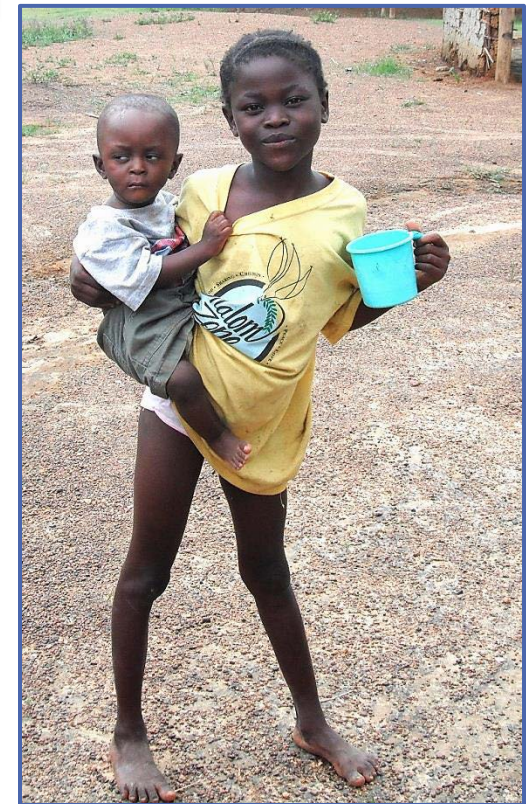
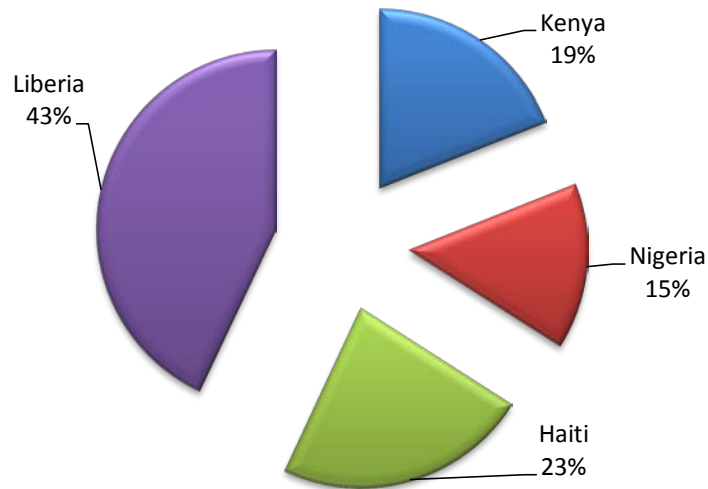
Lifewater actively works in Haiti and Sub-Saharan Africa (Liberia, Nigeria and Kenya). With the generosity of our donors, the hard work of volunteers and in-country teams, more wells were drilled this year than last year!

Over 125 wells were drilled, almost 600 broken pumps repaired and hundreds of children now have washrooms at their schools!



2017 Water Projects

Thank-you for Saving Lives!





Nigeria

Lifewater works with two drill teams in Nigeria. Regretably due to lack of sponsors for projects these teams were only able to drill for part of the year.

Open sources of contaminated water, as shown in this photo, are the only source of drinking water for many communities and are often shared with livestock, forcing the women and children to draw water before the cattle drink or late at night when the water has settled.



Of the three African countries where Lifewater teams work, Nigeria has the highest child mortality rate for children under 5 years old (WHO). Diseases such as running stomach, dysentery, typhoid, cholera and other diseases breed in unsafe water holes like you see in the picture shown above.

USAid states that only 30% of the population in North-eastern Nigeria have safe drinking water. This places our drill team in a key location to provide water to those in desperate need. We so appreciate the support that was given to bring safe water to so many.



The Story of Widow Musa, Nigeria

This is a brief story of Widow Asabe Musa, a 35 year old mother of four. She lives in the little town in Nasarawa state. It is a community of about 900 people. Life is hard, and some people in desperation even look to Boko Haram for hope.

Widow Musa still lives in the family compound of her late husband where the brunt of chores are her responsibility. In this culture, women lead most households making sure there is food for everyone to eat, taking care of the children, and, most importantly looking for water from wherever she can.

She recalls a horrifying experience four years ago. She went to the little river at night with other women to wait for the water from the pit to collect while they take turns fetching. It was dark, and all they had were lanterns to find their way to and from the river. As they kept vigil waiting, she felt a cold touch on her left ankle. It was a rattlesnake that had almost wrapped itself around her ankle. She screamed into the night and jumped pushing her daughter to the ground as they tried to run away. It is an experience that has lived with them ever since.



Liberia

The team in Liberia continues to drill wells for the rural poor. Their well production increased over last year by 22 wells, and providing nearly 25,000 people with safe drinking water this year alone!

This fiscal year continued to present great challenges. The compressor shipped over early in the fiscal year for the LS350 rig has not been a good fit and continuously overheats in the hot African sun and the search is on to replace it with a more suitable model. The leadership in this team has had some serious troubles and we are pleased to announce that we have a new Program Coordinator who is excited to lift Lifewater Liberia to better drilling excellence.

Finally, the Lifewater compound remains in jeopardy. Although we have the present president's wish that we remain intact, there is an election in October and our fate lies in the hands of the new party. Regardless the land is not ours, and we have proceeded with signing an MOU with Service to Servants to co-share a compound so we can have a safe haven to quickly move our supplies, equipment and safe volunteer housing. It is good to have in place and the relationship with this NGO is certainly a blessing from God for which we give great thanks.



Duazon Main Town

This community is along Liberia's International airport main highway, that's the Roberts International Airport (RIA). It is in the vicinity of the Shufflin Military Barracks.

One of the inhabitants, Gayflorzee Luther, explained to our team some of the difficulties they go through in getting water, especially during the dry season. Luther is a fisherman and he goes fishing as a means of livelihood for his family. According to him, the only source of water has been some hand dug wells within the community. But even those wells goes dry during the dry season.

Gayflorzee complained that the time and energy to get water, coupled with the strength required to pull the bucket from the well and walk all that way, leaves barely enough strength to do other things. But as it is life goes on he said, I still have to provide for my kids, despite all the challenges in getting water I still have to go on with the family.

This new well is a miracle.



Kenya

It has been an exciting year for The Lifewater Kenya team. A record number of wells and water catchment systems has been completed, 15 in total. The pump rehabilitation team has really risen to the challenge and 15 village wells have received everything they needed to get fresh water flowing freely once again. That is a total of 23 more productive water systems completed than last fiscal year. A blessing indeed!



There have been many towns and schools where the drilling is not possible. In these situations large water catchment tanks have been installed, to collect the rain water which allows the facilities to have water all year long.

Once again this team has installed 2 large washrooms, one 6 door boys washroom at Chesoton Primary School and another 4 door girl's washroom at Muthiga Secondary School. Thank you all for this gift of washrooms!



Muthiga Secondary School-Girls Latrine

Muthiga Secondary school fraternity wishes to sincerely pass our gratitude for the great love shown to our school in the recently completed toilet construction project.

Through your self sacrifice and the able manpower that you deployed to our school, our girls have something to put a smile on their faces. They now look forward to using the new, clean and child friendly four door block toilets. Even during their time of month when they become women, the girls can now toilet with dignity and stay in school. Thank-you!

As a school, we promise to ensure that they are well maintained and put to proper use. We also promise to put more efforts in our academic so that our shining would make you proud of us. We also praise the Almighty Father for giving us such worthy and caring friends. May you be immensely blessed in all your future undertakings.



Haiti

You know the saying it doesn't rain but it pours! Well we certainly found that to be the case in Haiti this past year. Hurricane Matthew hit the Haitian compound hard and as all the earth inside the newly constructed compound yard was still exposed, we had a mudslide that knocked down 150 feet of security wall. Thankfully, no one was injured and we were able to secure the perimeter to prevent looting of equipment and supplies. Over the course of the winter months, this part of the wall was rebuilt, improved drainage and supports were made and the compound is once again secured.



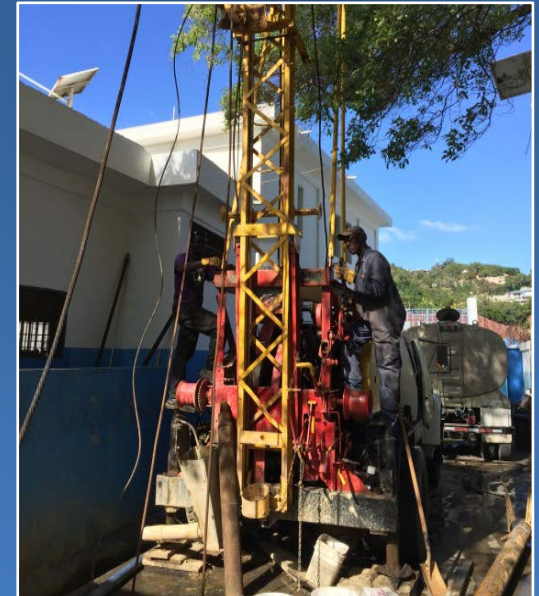
Although a set back, our construction did progress forward. The workshop area was leveled, 4 – 40 foot containers moved into position in preparation for finishing construction in the coming winter.

There was wonderful progress made on the multipurpose building, windows, security bars and doors were installed; first floor walls were finished and primer applied and the outside stucco was done as well. Structural work also was completed in preparation for the pouring of the 2nd story multipurpose building roof this winter. Once that is accomplished and cured the interior can be finished and the building can start to be used.

During all this construction, the repair team, the drill team and the support staff continued to provide safe water to villages and communities who struggle due to the lack of safe water to drink.

Bigger than My Dreams

The school director of a government school told me, Les Babcock, (Haiti volunteer Country Coordinator), that they previously had no reliable water supply for this boys-only school of 3000 students. I am pleased to report that a well has been drilled due to generous Lifewater donors and the work of the Lifewater team. The students, staff and community are now drinking from the new well. **THANK YOU!!!!**





Partnerships

Lifewater.ca works through local African and Haitian implementing partners, and continues to be powered by volunteers working from home. Because this keeps our overhead under 10%, you accomplish the maximum good for every gift you give. Together we provide much needed safe water and sanitation to those in need.



Special Thanks

- To the numerous Civic Groups, Associations, Churches and Schools who make a difference by giving children and their families the safe water they need to stay healthy.
- Generous individuals and families from across Canada, the USA and Europe who keep the drill rigs working and safe water flowing!
- Volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and energy to build the capacity of local workers to improve their effectiveness & efficiency.

Supporting Foundations

- Chimp Foundation
- Hageman Family Foundation
- The Blossom Foundation
- IBM Canada Charitable Fund
- Fellowship of Man
- The De Boer Foundation
- The Hoch Foundation
- The Dear Foundation
- The Michelle McGowan Memorial Foundation



Implementing Partners

Haiti

- Lifewater d'Haiti (Vaudreuil)
- Empower Global (Vaudreuil)

Kenya

- The Lifewater Kenya (Nakuru)

Liberia

- Lifewater Liberia Inc. Fendell
- The Last Well Inc (Margibi)

Nigeria

- Grace Dev. Agency (Lafia)
- Water Products Ltd. (Abuja)

Fundraising & Receiving Partners

- Flowing Streams (Shawnee, KS)
- H2O for Life Golf (Barrie, ON)
- Humanwave (Peterborough, ON)
- Link Charity (Toronto, ON)
- The Water Team (Vancouver, BC)
- Water of Life Project (Truro, NS)

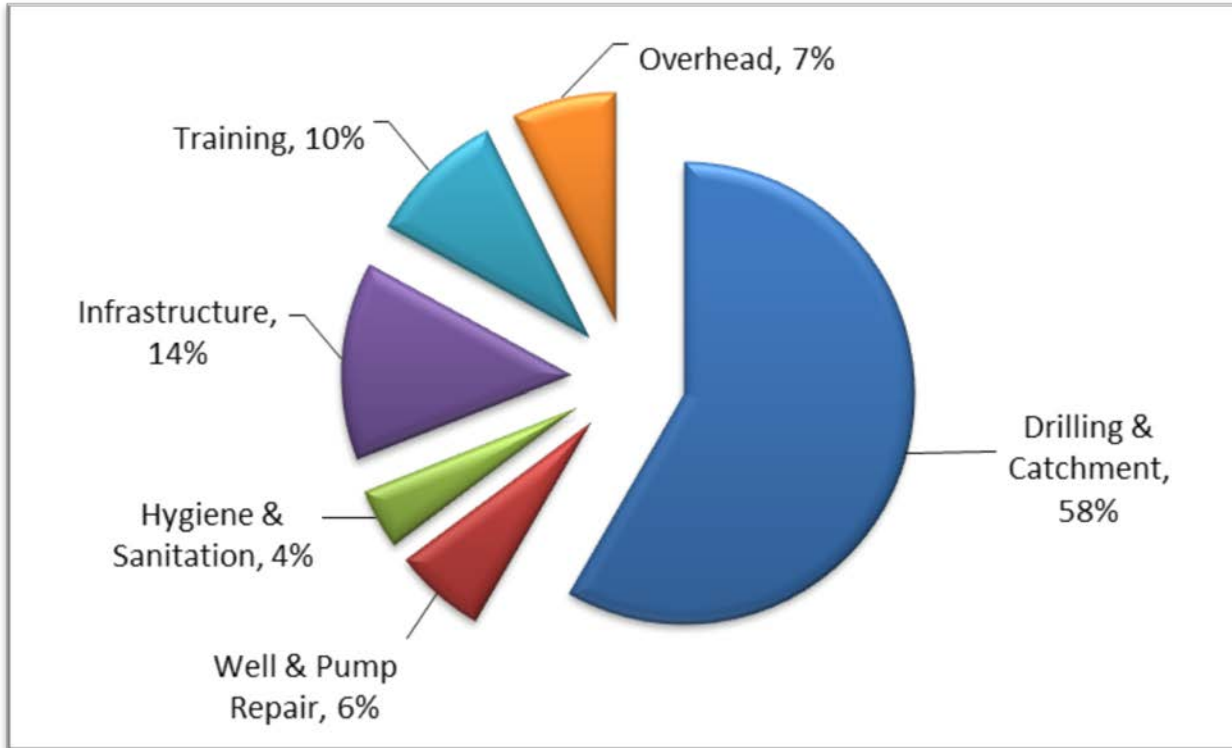
Supporting Corporations

- Access Traders
- AdventureCapitalism.com
- Amythest Well Drilling
- Arcadis Canada
- Automation Now
- Azimuth Environmental
- BC Greenhouse Builders
- Charity Auto Sales
- College Park Chiropractic
- Eastern Dairy Services
- Fred Constable & Son Ltd
- Halendas Meats
- Harden Environmental Service Ltd
- Healthy Families Wellness Centre
- Herb Lang Well Drilling
- Ingredion Canada Corporation
- Insitu Contractors Inc
- abba Systems Inc
- Lifewater Drilling
- M.F.C. Construction Inc
- Perry Medical Corp
- R.J. Burnside & Associates
- Rutledge Development
- Solinst Canada
- Thornhill Lawn Equipment
- Trade Development Strategies
- Waterra Pumps





How Your gifts were Invested in 2017



“Blessed is he who considers the poor; The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.” – Psalm 41:1



2017 Income Statement

Revenues		Expenses	
Total Receiptable Donations	\$568,910.69	Well Construction	\$435,967.20
- Individual Donations	\$432,733.95	Well Rehabilitation	\$32,803.96
- Corporate Donations	\$57,604.75	Handpump Repair	\$16,613.51
- Gifts from CDN Charities	\$40,550.32	Tank Catchment Systems	\$10,538.69
- Gifts-in-Kind	\$38,021.67	Mobilization, Hygiene & Sanitation	\$32,608.24
Total Non-Receiptable Donations	\$188,743.30	Infrastructure (Equipment & Facilities)	\$106,584.25
- Civic Groups	\$45,584.77	Training & Education	\$74,172.12
- International Donations	\$42,236.86	Overhead	\$56,124.37
- Foundations	\$96,818.97	- Fund Raising	\$26,262.82
- Corporate Unreceipted	\$4,102.71	- Admin Expenses	\$29,861.56
Interest & Capital Gain Adjustment	\$2,119.00	Foreign Exchange Adjustment	\$10,740.14
Total:	\$759,772.99	Total:	\$776,152.47
Revenues Less Expenses: -\$16,379.49			



Lifewater Canada Statement of Financial Position

30-Jun-17



Assets	2017	2016
Current Operating Accounts	\$14,390.77	\$10,056.75
Reserve Accounts	\$190,054.86	\$223,590.48
Operating Reserve Funds	\$29,868.57	
Capital Reserve Funds	\$119,474.27	
Designated Funds	\$40,712.02	
Total Assets	\$204,445.64	\$233,647.23
Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EQUITY	\$204,445.64	\$233,647.23

The Lifewater Canada Strategic Plan includes a long-term goal of building a reserve fund equal to one year's operating budget. This is to allow firm financial commitments can be made to overseas partners at the start of the fiscal year without the risk of having to shut-down drilling operations part-way through the year if fundraising does not meet expectations.

This goal was set because financial commitments to overseas partners need to be made a year in advance prior to funds being raised. This is necessary for them to make staffing decisions and determine how many community water and sanitation projects they can commit to. This timing creates uncertainty and stress for both Lifewater Canada and overseas partners due to economic pressures and global events which are beyond our control but affect fundraising.

The financial reserve also allows for careful management of designated funds and enables Lifewater.ca to assist overseas teams with significant capital expenditures in a timely manner.