



The Children of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns

Hi everyone:

All of us at Ryan's Well Foundation were really happy to receive your very generous donation towards Ryan's dream of "clean water for everyone on the planet". What a neat idea to have a Joyful Noise collection at Mass. Unfortunately, Ryan is not able to reply personally to thank you as he is very busy this year completing his final year in high school before deciding what university he might attend.

I wanted to take a minute to let you know a bit about our Foundation and to share some ideas Ryan has talked about a lot. At Ryan's Well, we raise money to **build** water and sanitation projects and to deliver hygiene education to students in developing countries. We also **educate** people about water issues, especially the necessity for access to clean water and sanitation, and about the importance of water as a life-giving resource in all our lives. But one of the most important things we do at Ryan's Well is **motivate**. We always talk about the role that each of us must play, no matter who we are or how old we are, in making the world a better place. Water is essential to all life. Everyone, no matter who they are or where they live, should have access to this most basic human need.

Your decision to participate is proof that youth can help in so many ways. Continue learning about issues related to water and to sanitation. Remember that nearly a billion people on the planet do not have access to safe clean water and more than 2.4 billion people on the planet don't have a place to go to the bathroom or a place to wash their hands afterward! We have lots of ideas on our website ([www.ryanswell.ca](http://www.ryanswell.ca)) on how you can make a difference. Ryan has always said that the world is like a big puzzle and we have to figure out where our piece fits – including kids. His piece fits with clean water. He hopes that others can figure out where their piece fits too and it sounds like many of you have found your puzzle piece.

On behalf of Ryan and all the people that will benefit from your caring and making a difference, thank you so very much.

Yours Truly,

Gerry Redmond,  
Education Officer for Ryan's Well Foundation

