From the Executive Director’s Desk…

We are having a busy fall filled with educational kits, the Indigenous Water Forum, and much more.

We are busy sending educational kits to schools before the weather makes it impossible to do so! We are also busy helping to plan the Indigenous Water Forum which will take place October 27th and 28th. We will have a booth at the event and I will be giving a presentation during the event with one of our board members, Dr. Tim Molnar. Please visit www.indigenouswaterforum.com for more information about the forum.

We hope this year will bring exciting projects and events and will result in tens of thousands of students educated through the use of hundreds of sponsored kits. The economic climate in Canada is still a difficult one and, unfortunately, not as many sponsored kits are available. If you are a teacher who would like kits, please consider purchasing kits if your school or school division has the budget to do so. However, we do currently have sponsored Operation Water Pollution kits available for schools in Alberta outside of Edmonton and Calgary, and we have sponsored Operation Water Pollution, High School Operation Water Drop, and Operation Water Biology kits available for rural and First Nations high schools in Manitoba – so if you want a kit and fit one of those categories, please contact us ASAP.

Have a Wonderful School Year!

Nicole M. Hancock
Thank You So Much Mosaic!
Mosaic has provided us with $15,000 to send sponsored educational kits to schools in Saskatchewan. These kits will educate thousands of Saskatchewan students. These sponsored kits will be sent to schools which are on the waiting list for sponsored kits throughout Saskatchewan in the spring.

Thank You So Much Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation!
Dakota Dunes Community Development Corporation has provided us with $7,080 to send sponsored educational kits to schools in and around Saskatoon. These kits will educate over 5,000 students!

Join Our Facebook Group!
Join us on Facebook to hear all of our news as it happens! Lately we’ve been posting water facts every Monday and wishing everyone a Funny Friday by posting a water joke every Friday!
Visit: https://www.facebook.com/groups/18749329664/
Indigenous Water Forum: Strategies for Community Drinking Water

This forum will be held October 27-28, 2016 at Dakota Dunes Casino, Whitecap Dakota First Nation, SK, and will be hosted by the Safe Water for Health Research Team, University of Saskatchewan, Touchwood Agency Tribal Council, and the Safe Drinking Water Team.

This forum will bridge people’s knowledge of water through sharing of indigenous ways of knowing, research presentations, and demonstrations of practical applications. The purpose of the forum is to make recommendations for action-oriented strategies to achieve safe water in First Nations communities. The forum will strengthen research relationships for collaborative projects to advance management and policies for improved drinking water.

Stream 1: Drinking water treatment processes and policies, promotion of safe drinking water

*CEUs will be awarded*

Stream 2: Challenges, successes, priorities and directives for drinking water on First Nations lands

First Nations organizations and community members, faculty, and students are invited to attend. Registration closes October 14, 2016 and attendance is limited to 200 participants. Visit www.indigenouswaterforum.com or contact Safe Drinking Water Foundation at info@safewater.org or 1-306-934-0389 for more information.

“Passing water forward”
Artist: Leah Dorion of Prince Albert, SK
Incredible Opportunity for School Teams and Students

Are you a teacher who wants to sign your School Team up for a water challenge? Or are you a youth under 30 years of age who wants to sign up for a water challenge?

The Great Waters Challenge is a fun and educational participative game about water for youth under 30 years of age who live in Canada. The Challenge invites players to learn outside the classroom by uncovering stories about the history of what has happened, is happening, and will happen on and with their local water. Players will connect stories across Canada and reflect on how water has shaped our identity from a local to a national perspective leading up to Canada's 150th anniversary.

School Teams can sign up! The Challenge is designed to be self-guided and teachers can use it flexibly to incorporate curriculum material. The Challenge provides players with live webinars (recorded for download) with incredible resources, guests, hints, tips, and references as support material for players. School Team Prizes like Water Testing Kits from the Safe Drinking Water Foundation and Water Brothers Eco-Adventure Series DVDs are available to be won!

If you tell them that you heard about this challenge in Safe Drinking Water Foundation’s newsletter you have until October 13th to register (this is a special extension for our newsletter readers!): http://waterlution.org/GWC/
For any questions, please contact dona@waterlution.org

Play The Great Waters Challenge as a SCHOOL TEAM for a chance to win your class one of 3 Water Testing Kits from the Safe Drinking Water Foundation
Sign up at: waterlution.org/gwc16
State of Drinking Water Quality in Canada

According to Health Canada (http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/promotion/public-publique/water-eau-eng.php), as of July 31, 2016 there were 132 Drinking Water Advisories in effect in 92 First Nations communities across Canada, excluding British Columbia. In total, across Canada, as of September 26, 2016 there were 1,089 Boil Water Advisories and 45 Do Not Consume Orders.

Check out the Healthy House on the Block Healthy Drinking Water Tool Box

We have worked with Healthy House on the Block (http://healthyhouseontheblock.com/) to provide a Healthy Drinking Water Tool Box on our website. The Healthy Drinking Water Tool Box includes a general checklist; a maintenance checklist; a private well maintenance checklist & worksheet; a water worksheet where you can track your water softener maintenance, water filter maintenance, water main inspection, and water pressure check; and more. Check it out here: https://www.safewater.org/images/HealthyHouseontheBlockSafeWaterToolBox.pdf

Have You Created Some Great Resources to Teach Students About Water?

If you are a teacher who has created resources to use in your classroom when you teach any of the SDWF programs please help other teachers by sending your PowerPoint presentations, assignments, etc. to us at info@safewater.org so we can share them on our website.

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As Little as $85 Can Put Authentic Water Testing Materials in the Hands of 30 Elementary Students in Your Community!

There are hundreds of Canadian schools on the waiting list for sponsored kits - we are certain one of the schools is near you! You can make it possible for a classroom of students to learn about water quality issues and solutions, be supported and encouraged in sharing knowledge with others and in taking action to alleviate drinking water quality issues, and to test the water they drink every day for as little as $85.

Phone us at 1-306-934-0389 to find out more about how you can sponsor a kit for a school near you, or visit our homepage where you will find an interactive map of all of the Canadian schools which are waiting for sponsored kits. Click on the school for which you would like to buy a kit and use our easy, online system to sponsor a kit for that school! You can make a difference in the lives of students!

Request Sponsored Kits

Teachers, it is now time to request sponsored kits for the school year. The sooner you request sponsored kits the greater your chance of receiving sponsored kits if your school fits the criteria of one of our funders. Please visit https://www.safewater.org/education/requestform.html to request sponsored kits today! The form will only take you about three minutes to complete.


**Purchase Kits and Receive them Very Quickly**

Purchasing kits is the only way to guarantee receiving kits to use with your students, and you will receive them quite quickly (usually within one week).

To purchase kits:

- Phone us at 1-306-934-0389 and provide us with your Visa or MasterCard information.
- Or purchase kits via PayPal on our website ([https://www.safewater.org/education/order-kits.html](https://www.safewater.org/education/order-kits.html))
- Or mail a cheque payable to Safe Drinking Water Foundation to #1-912 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 0Z6. We accept purchase orders too.

**Donations – We Need Your Help to Educate Canada’s Future Leaders**

You can make it possible for us to educate the leaders of tomorrow about drinking water quality issues and solutions by making a donation. Donors can choose to make one-time, monthly or annual donations. If corporations donate $1,000 or more they will receive recognition in SDWF’s quarterly newsletters twice, and if they donate $10,000 or more they will also receive recognition on SDWF’s website for one year (the SDWF website receives over 28,000 unique visitors per year) and their logo will include a hyperlink to their website. For more information please visit: [http://www.safewater.org/make-a-donation.html](http://www.safewater.org/make-a-donation.html)

Thanks to everyone who has made a donation!

Donations can be made:

- Via PayPal on our website ([http://www.safewater.org/make-a-donation.html](http://www.safewater.org/make-a-donation.html))
- By phoning us at 1-306-934-0389 with your Visa or MasterCard information.
- By mailing a cheque payable to Safe Drinking Water Foundation to #1-912 Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 0Z6.

Receipts for income tax purposes are issued for all donations of $20 or more. If you have any questions or would like to simply phone us and make a donation with a Visa or MasterCard please do not hesitate to call us at 1-306-934-0389. Thanks in advance!

**Contact us:**

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