From the Executive Director’s Desk...
During the 2015-2016 school year we sent 441 educational kits to schools across Canada. These kits were used to directly educate over 23,000 Canadian students about drinking water quality issues and solutions by having them perform hands-on water quality testing. Throughout this newsletter you will see pictures of students at Eaton School in Eaton, SK and at M.C. Knoll School and Sacred Heart High School, both in Yorkton, SK, learning about drinking water quality.

We also held our first Student Action on Canadian Water Attitudes competition, and this competition resulted in 232 students and teachers educating 1,879 people in their communities about water conservation, source water protection, where their community’s drinking water comes from, and much more. This resulted in a water savings of 2,250 litres per day and 150 water saving devices being installed.

While we are happy about the thousands of students we educated, and the thousands of litres of water which were conserved, we know that with more funding we could be doing so much more good work. This year has been difficult for many Canadians and for many organizations, ours included.

We hope to hold more student action competitions in the future and to educate more students next year, so if you are part of a company or foundation which would be interested in sponsoring (or partly sponsoring) a student action competition, or sponsoring educational kits for schools in your community, or if you know of a company or foundation which would be, please contact us!

Have a Wonderful Summer!

Nicole M. Hancock
Thank You So Much SaskTel!
SaskTel has provided us with $1,360 to send eight sponsored Operation Water Pollution kits to rural schools in Saskatchewan. This resulted in 352 students using a digital TDS meter and a digital pH meter to learn about water pollution in a hands-on manner.

Thank You So Much Alberta Conservation Association!
Alberta Conservation Association has provided us with $1,275 to send sponsored kits to schools in Alberta to be used during field trips. These kits will enable students to conduct hands-on water testing to learn about the quality of the raw water in the streams, rivers, and lakes which they visit during their field trips. They can also use some of the kit materials to test their treated drinking water, the water they drink every day.

Thank You So Much Saskatoon Community Foundation!
Saskatoon Community Foundation’s Youth Advisory Council provided us with $1,400 to sponsor educational kits for schools in Saskatoon which were on the waiting list for sponsored kits. We were very happy to attend the Granting Gala which was held at the Western Development Museum.
Thank You So Much Affinity Credit Union!
Affinity Credit Union has provided us with $1,020 to send sponsored kits to Hepburn School and Naicam School.

Students at Hepburn school use the water testing kit provided to them by Affinity Credit Union.

Watch the Video about SARRC’s Donation to SDWF!
Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. (SARRC) presented a cheque to SDWF at Caswell Community School, then the grade eight students at the school became the stars of a video production! A video was made that demonstrates the students using the kit in their classroom and this video is now featured on SARRC’s website, SDWF’s website and YouTube. Check it out here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8S32VJT9Is](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8S32VJT9Is)

Thanks SARRC for giving us the opportunity to show teachers, students, other professionals, the general public, and potential sponsors what is included in our educational kits and the benefits the educational kits bring to students!
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 May 31, 2016 there were 126 Drinking Water Advisories in effect in 84 First Nations communities across Canada, excluding British Columbia. In total, across Canada, as of July 4, 2016 there were 1,042 Boil Water Advisories and 48 Do Not Consume Orders.

Join Our Facebook Group!

Join us on Facebook to hear all of our news as it happens! Lately we’ve been posting information about students making good use of our educational kits (along with pictures), and we have been posting water facts every Monday! Visit: https://www.facebook.com/groups/18749329664/

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.

Don’t Forget to Check out the In the News Section of Our Website for Up-To-Date Water News

The In the News section of our website is updated every few days with news articles on the topic of water from newspapers across Canada. Check it out here: http://www.safewater.org/resources/news/in-the-news.html

If you run across a news article on the topic of water that you think should be added to our website, please e-mail the link to us at info@safewater.org
**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 and the Safe Drinking Water Team.

This forum will bridge knowledge of water through indigenous ceremonies and ways of knowing, research presentations, and practical applications. The purpose of the forum is to create action-oriented strategies to achieve safe water in First Nations communities. The forum will facilitate and renew research relationships for water and health projects and create management strategies for safe water.

First Nations organizations and community members, faculty, and students are invited to attend. 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
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!
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

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)
- 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 credit card please do not hesitate to call us at 306-934-0389. Thanks in advance!