From the Executive Director’s Desk…

I am so excited to report that you made it possible for us to achieve our goal! Our goal for the 2016-2017 school year was to send at least 700 kits to schools across Canada and have them used by at least 30,000 students. Our grand total at the end of this school year is that 792 kits were sent to schools across Canada and 36,934 students used the kits!

I had a very busy spring! From having a display at Canada-Wide Science Fair May 18-20 in Regina and at the Canadian Association of Principals Conference May 24 and May 25 in Saskatoon, to presenting information about bottled water to participants of Bike the Moveable Feast as part of NatureCity Festival in Saskatoon, to giving presentations to students from across Canada via Skype and webinars, to several cheque presentations!

I am very excited about the fall! A Student Action Competition will be held in Saskatoon and a new data entry system for teachers to enter the results their students find by using Operation Water Drop kits in their classrooms is in the works (citizen science!).

Without our sponsors and without teachers and school divisions purchasing kits we would not be able to send any kits to any schools. It is only with their help and the help of our individual donors and other donors that we are able to continue to educate students across Canada.

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Nicole M. Hancock
A Huge Thank You To Lush!

Lush has provided us with $24,774 to develop an online data collection system for teachers to enter the results their students find from using Operation Water Drop kits in their classrooms and to send 41 Elementary Operation Water Drop kits and 41 High School Operation Water Drop kits to rural and First Nations schools across Canada. The data teachers enter will be displayed on a map, so be sure to check that out next year!

Lush is a company that specializes in fresh, handmade cosmetics. You can find out more about them here: http://www.lush.ca/en/Stories-Article?cid=article_a-lush-legacy

The Operation Water Drop data collection system will be available on our website in fall 2017. Teachers will receive a code in each Elementary Operation Water Drop kit and in each High School Operation Water Drop kit, which they will enter in the system in order to be able to enter the results from their students’ water quality tests. This data will then be displayed on a map. In the future, we are hopeful that we will be able to receive the necessary funding to contract an expert who will write reports based on the results which have been submitted.

Teachers, if you receive an Operation Water Drop kit during the 2017-2018 school year please help us out by engaging your students in citizen science and uploading their results to our online system! We will be very grateful!

Stay tuned for further updates!
A Huge Thank You To Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.!

Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. (SARRC) provided us with $10,000 to send sponsored kits to schools in Saskatchewan where they have operations.

SARRC manages the Saskatchewan province-wide recycling program for used oil, used oil filters, used antifreeze, and plastic containers. Find out more about SARRC by visiting http://usedoilrecyclingsk.com/

On May 11, 2017 we were presented with the $10,000 cheque from SARRC at Humboldt Public School. Thank you so much to SARRC and to the staff and students at Humboldt Public School!

Mr. Oil Drop, Jola Pisz (teacher, Humboldt Public School), Phil Wrubleski (Executive Director, SARRC), Nicole Hancock (Executive Director, Safe Drinking Water Foundation) and Auntie Freeze with students from Humboldt Public School.
Thank You So Much to Affinity Credit Union

We have received $2,720 from District Council 8 of Affinity Credit Union and $510 from District Council 7 of Affinity Credit Union to send sponsored kits to schools in each of their District Council areas. We also found out that we will be receiving $340 from District Council 13 and $3,145 from District Council 10 for sponsored kits to be sent to schools in each of their District Council areas in the fall.

On May 23, 2017 we were presented with the $510 cheque from District Council 7 of Affinity Credit Union at the Martensville branch of Affinity Credit Union. Thank you so much to the Affinity Credit Union staff members and board members and to Martensville Messenger for taking the picture!

(Left to Right) Tena Strunk (Affinity CU), Farady Dreger (Affinity CU), Deb McGuire (Affinity Board Member), Barb Gooding (Affinity Board Member), Tony Korol (Affinity CU Branch Manager), Nicole Hancock (Safe Drinking Water Foundation Executive Director).
Thank You So Much to Honda Canada Foundation!

Honda Canada Foundation has provided us with $1,700 to send sponsored kits to schools which are on the waiting list and are located in communities where Honda Canada has operations. These kits educated over 1,600 students in a hands-on manner!

Thank You So Much to Canada Summer Jobs!

Government of Canada has provided us with funding through their Canada Summer Jobs program to hire a full-time summer student for nine weeks! Our summer student has been very busy putting the French and Cree fact sheets and lesson plans on our website, updating information on our website, doing other various tasks, and will help us to get the Student Action Competition started.

Audrey Sembalerus, our summer student, was born and raised in Saskatoon and she is going into her third and final year of law at the University of Saskatchewan. She is a very outdoorsy person and she loves to spend her free time playing sports or hiking. Her other interests include baking, Marvel movies, and spending time with her family.
Cheque Presentation at RBC

On April 12, 2017 RBC presented Safe Drinking Water Foundation with a $10,000 cheque which will enable us to hold our Student Action Competition in Saskatoon during the 2017-2018 school year.

(Left to Right) Thomas Jackson (Senior Account Manager Business & Personal, RBC), Dr. Tim Molnar (Board Member, SDWF), Nicole Hancock (Executive Director, SDWF), Chuck Turner (Sales Manager, Small Business, RBC)

The Student Action Competition which will take place during the 2017-2018 school year will only be open to Saskatoon schools and will encourage students to conserve water, to encourage others to conserve water, to learn about their water source and teach others about their water source, and to tackle other water issues. The winning school will receive a water bottle filling station.

Join Our Facebook Group!

Join us on Facebook to hear all of our news as it happens! We post Water Facts of the Week every Monday and we wish everyone a Funny Friday by posting a water joke every Friday! We also post links to videos, news articles, and other items of interest.

Visit: https://www.facebook.com/groups/safedrinkingwaterfoundation/
Purchase Kits and Receive Them Very Quickly

Even though it is summer, you can still purchase kits! Perhaps you teach summer school or will be working at a camp for youth, the kits are a great idea for any of those types of situations – especially as you can test the raw water and other water samples you collect right at camp! Purchasing kits is the only way to guarantee receiving kits, and you will receive them quite quickly (within a couple of weeks, you can let us know if it’s a rush!).

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/order-kits](https://www.safewater.org/order-kits)
- 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.

Don’t delay! There are only 21 Operation Water Pollution, 32 Operation Water Biology, 62 Elementary Operation Water Drop, and 63 High School Operation Water Drop kits left for all of Canada until we order more materials and assemble more kits (likely in March 2018).
State of Drinking Water Quality in Canada

According to Health Canada (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/first-nations-inuit-health/health-promotion/environmental-public-health/drinking-water-wastewater-first-nations-inuit-health-canada.html), as of April 30, 2017 there were 102 long-term Drinking Water Advisories and 33 short-term Drinking Water Advisories in 87 First Nations communities south of 60°, excluding British Columbia. In total, across Canada, as of June 20, 2017 there were 1,055 Boil Water Advisories and 56 Do Not Consume Orders.

Request Sponsored Kits

Teachers, it only takes about three minutes to request sponsored kits for your students! 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. The summer is a great time to include requesting sponsored kits as part of planning for next school year! Please visit https://www.safewater.org/sponsored-kit-request-form to request sponsored kits today!

Student from Little Saskatchewan First Nation Earned a Spot to Compete at Canada-Wide Science Fair 2017 in Regina by Using Safe Drinking Water Foundation Kits

Keaton Shorting, a grade nine student at Little Saskatchewan School in Manitoba, studied the tap water quality at Little Saskatchewan First Nation by using Safe Drinking Water Foundation kits and his project earned him a spot to compete at Canada-Wide Science Fair 2017 in Regina.

You can see a quote from Little Saskatchewan School’s principal about his experience using the kits with students on our Donate page (https://www.safewater.org/donate/).
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. We will send you a small token of our appreciation.

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.

Please 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 (www.safewater.org) 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!
Do One of the Smartest Things You Can Do to Improve the Drinking Water Quality Situation in Canada: Donate to Safe Drinking Water Foundation

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 organizations 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 38,000 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:
- On our website (https://www.safewater.org/donate)
- 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. Thank you!

Contact us:

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