From the Executive Director’s Desk...

It is spring? It definitely does not feel like spring here in Saskatoon, unfortunately! However, in our office it is starting to feel like spring because all of the kit materials are arriving and we are busy assembling water testing kits.

We are very grateful for the funding we have received from various organizations. This funding will make it possible for us to send many sponsored water testing kits to schools this spring, to continue working towards our goal of sending 700 sponsored water testing kits to Canadian schools this school year and educating 30,000 Canadian students in a hands-on manner.

We are happy to announce the winner of our Student Action on Saskatoon Water Attitudes Competition and look forward to a ribbon-cutting ceremony where the water bottle filling stations will be unveiled!

I have really enjoyed visiting a couple of the local schools and presenting information about drinking water quality issues and solutions. One school let me teach a classroom of their grade five students for an entire afternoon! It was great to be back in the classroom for half a day! If you teach at a Saskatoon school feel free to invite me to present to your students. If you are a teacher elsewhere then feel free to e-mail or phone me and I will provide a webinar for your students (Skype, Google Hangout, webinar room, other options are available). The students can think of questions ahead of time and I can customize the presentation to what the students want to learn about water.

We look forward to sending many kits to schools this spring!

Nicole M. Hancock
Thank You So Much to The W. Garfield Weston Foundation
The W. Garfield Weston Foundation has provided us with $10,020 to send sponsored Operation Water Drop kits and Operation Water Pollution kits to Canadian schools that are the most in need of sponsored kits and/or will take action after using the kits in their classrooms (based on what teachers told us when they requested sponsored kits).

The Foundation was first established in the 1950s with a donation of shares from the family company, George Weston Limited. Today this business has grown into Canada’s largest private sector employer with over 200,000 employees and a group of food retailing and baking companies including the Real Canadian Superstore, Loblaw Companies and Shoppers Drug Mart.

Thank you so much The W. Garfield Weston Foundation!

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Thank You to Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA)
Thank you to Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) for providing us with $5,000 to send water testing kits to First Nations schools in Saskatchewan which are on the waiting list for sponsored kits.
Thank You to Federated Co-operatives Limited
The Saskatoon location of Federated Co-operatives Limited has provided us with $2,750 to send Operation Water Drop, Operation Water Pollution, and Operation Water Biology kits to Saskatoon schools. These kits will educate hundreds of Saskatoon students about Canadian drinking water quality issues and solutions in a hands-on manner! Thank you Federated Co-operatives Limited!

Thank You to SaskTel
SaskTel has provided us with $1,360 to send eight sponsored Operation Water Pollution kits to rural Saskatchewan schools.

Thank You to Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Thompson-Nicola Regional District provided us with $1,190.00 to send two Operation Water Pollution kits and 10 Elementary Operation Water Drop kits to Haldane Elementary School and Cache Creek Elementary School.
Join Our Facebook Group!
Join us on Facebook to hear all of our news as it happens! Along with our news and water news, we also post Facts of the Week on Mondays, Talk Back Tuesdays (feedback about our educational programs), Thank You Thursdays, and Funny Fridays!
Visit: www.facebook.com/groups/safedrinkingwaterfoundation/

And the Winning School Is...
The school which won the Student Action on Saskatoon Water Attitudes Competition is St. George School! They educated 250 Saskatoon citizens and they, together with the citizens they educated, saved 58 000 litres of water.

Here are the pictures from their project:

To see pictures and videos from the other schools’ projects, information about the volunteer judges, and much more please visit https://www.safewater.org/student-action-competition/
Reminder to Teachers: Please Don’t Forget to Submit Your Students’ Results to the Operation Water Drop Test Results Submission Website!

If you are a teacher who has received an Operation Water Drop kit, please go to [https://testresults.safewater.org](https://testresults.safewater.org) after your students have used the kit in order to enter their results. If you have lost your code(s) click on the Lost your code? link, enter your e-mail address, and your code(s) will be e-mailed to you.

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. We will be sending hundreds of sponsored kits to schools in the spring, so make sure you get your name on the list ASAP!

Please visit [www.safewater.org/sponsored-kit-request-form](http://www.safewater.org/sponsored-kit-request-form) to request sponsored kits today!

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 send them to us at [info@safewater.org](mailto:info@safewater.org) so we can share them on our website. We will send you a small token of our appreciation.
State of Drinking Water Quality in Canada

According to Health Canada (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/topics/health-environment/water-quality-health/drinking-water/advisories-first-nations-south-60.html) as of March 21, 2018 there were 79 long-term (meaning the advisory has been in place for more than a year) drinking water advisories in effect in First Nations communities. Also, as of March 15, 2018 there were 24 short-term Drinking Water Advisories in place in First Nations communities. These numbers include public water systems financially supported by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) but not systems in British Columbia and within the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

In total, across Canada, as of March 26, 2018 there were 870 Boil Water Advisories and 47 Do Not Consume Orders. A spreadsheet that was created by Safe Drinking Water Team between October and December 2017 that contains information regarding Drinking Water Advisories in Western Canada is available here: https://www.safedrinkingwaterteam.org/s/All-Communities-with-Drinking-Water-Advisories-December-15-2017-c2fc.xlsx

Spring is a Great Time to Test Water – Do You Want to Buy Any Operation Water Drop, Operation Water Pollution and/or Operation Water Biology Kits?

Spring is a great time to test water – whether you’re doing it indoors or outside!

Purchasing a kit is the only way to guarantee receiving a kit. An Elementary Operation Water Drop kit can be used with an entire classroom of eager learners and only costs $85. High School Operation Water Drop kits cost $170 each. An Operation Water Pollution kit costs $170 and is guaranteed to be reusable for at least two years – so all of the students in your school can use it! Operation Water Biology kits cost $170 each.

To purchase kits:

- Phone us at 1-306-934-0389 and provide us with your Visa or MasterCard information.
- Or purchase kits on our website (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.
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 that at least 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, to participate in citizen science, 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 that 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!

A Funny Video That Was Submitted as Part of an Entry in Our Student Action Competition

While Tommy Douglas Collegiate did not win the Student Action on Saskatoon Water Attitudes Competition, they did submit a video that is both funny and informative and is definitely worth checking out! Watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Qb_nz6-PzQ
Sign Up to Receive Drinking Water Quality News From Safe Drinking Water Team

The goal of Safe Drinking Water Team is safe drinking water from every tap.

Safe Drinking Water Team (SDWT) is a group of First Nations water treatment plant operators and scientific advisors who help other First Nations water treatment plant operators and rural water treatment plant operators with their water treatment challenges. SDWT also promotes the best available technology for water treatment and advocates for stricter guidelines and regulations for drinking water.

SDWT sends out information about drinking water quality issues and solutions in First Nations and rural communities approximately once a month. To receive this valuable information please visit https://www.safedrinkingwaterteam.org and enter your name and e-mail address at the bottom of the homepage to subscribe to their mailing list or send an e-mail with the subject “Subscribe” to safedrinkingwaterteam@gmail.com.

The Four Most Popular Resources on Our Website Over the Past 31 Days

Please 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 currently receives over 159,000 unique visitors per year and is on track to receive over 462,000 unique visitors next year) and their logo will include a hyperlink to their website. For more information, please visit: www.safewater.org/donate

Thanks to everyone who has made a donation!
Donations can be made:

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- 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:
info@safewater.org OR (306) 934-0389