



Annual Report

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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2018 Annual Report

A Reflection from Our Board Chair

Forming lasting, fruitful partnerships is one of the core values of 20 Liters, and those partnerships are what I think of most when I think over the last year. At 20 Liters, we always strive to forge strong partnerships with the belief that we are at our best when we work with others, sharing skills and resources. I am incredibly proud of the great partnerships we have formed and continue to nurture over the past year.

20 Liters has continued its wonderful, powerful partnership with Mars Hill Bible Church, as we continue to take the final steps towards operational independence. We have strengthened our relationship with World Relief Rwanda, building trust as we plan for the future. We have started engaging our amazing 20 Liters volunteers to build filters on behalf of Village Water Filters, expanding the impact that our volunteers are having on the global water crisis. And we continued to broaden our horizons as 20 Liters hosted its very first Walk for Water event in California.

Looking forward to 2019, we are poised to continue our growth. We recently welcomed six new members to the 20 Liters board, and established a three-year project plan with World Relief Rwanda to continue our ongoing work in Rilima and expand to Rukumberi in Rwanda.

I am so thankful to all of the wonderful, hard-working 20 Liters partners, but I am most thankful for our greatest partner: You. 20 Liters relies on a wide variety of partner organizations - churches, local businesses, and non-profits. but each of these organizations are just a collection of individuals. Volunteers, donors, advocates...all are crucial to the important work we are doing. So, thank you for making our mission a reality. Thank you for making dirty water clean for vulnerable families.

Sincerely,
Ed Zwyghuizen
Board Chair

Board of Directors:

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Board Chair

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Board Vice Chair

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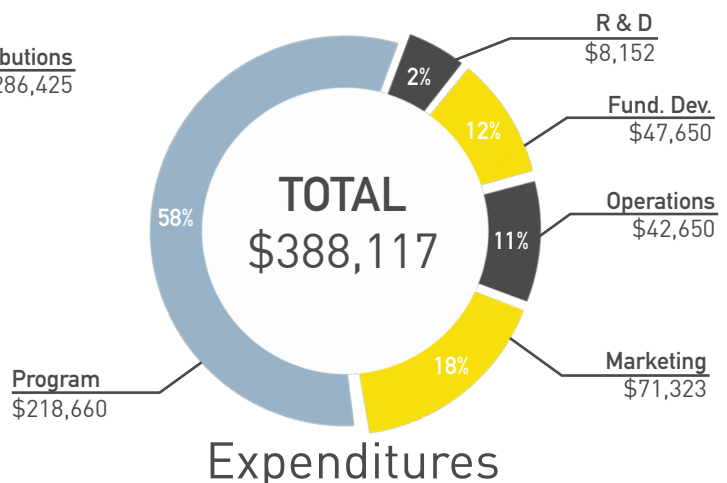
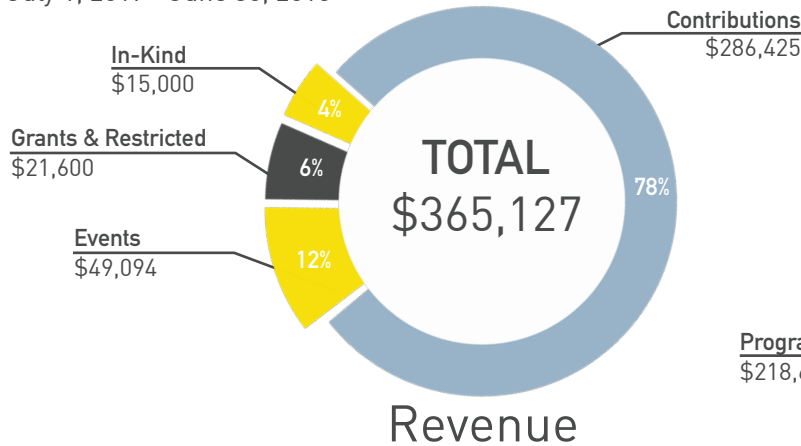
Clementine Sikiri

Heather VanDyke-Titus

Andrew VanTimmeren

FY18 Financials

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11,002

Household Filters

45

Community Filters

86

Rainwater Cisterns Built

159,680

Total Impact

Water Brings Confidence in the Future



Mukandemeye Venantia is a 63-year-old widow from the Gashora Sector of Rwanda. She lives with her 6 children and 2 grandchildren. Venantia is a farmer, but has always worked on other people's land to provide for her family, as she was never able to afford to purchase her own land. Her family has always struggled to have clean and safe water to drink. They draw their water from a nearby lake. Despite the very bad quality, it became normal to drink this water. There weren't any other options for her family.

Her family was often sick with diarrhea and other water borne diseases. Her kids were not able to attend school regularly – and ultimately only three of her six children managed to finish primary school. She also recalls spending a lot of money for medication to treat these illnesses, in particular for herself and her two grandchildren.

Last July, a volunteer came to her home and informed her that her family had been selected to receive a household water filter (known as a SAM3). Venantia says that she couldn't believe it – it was really good news for her family. She went to a training to learn to use and care for the filter. When she brought the filter home, she started to use it.

To her, the filter is simple and doesn't require any extra effort to use, but as she says, "It is making changes in my life." Over the past six months of use, her family has achieved things she had previously thought impossible.

She and the kids haven't been sick. Venantia feels strong and able to work hard to care for her family. Her grandchildren have been performing well at school – their attendance is steady and their grades have improved. With the money that she has saved in six months from being able to work more frequently and from not needing medication to treat water-borne illnesses, Venantia has been able to purchase land and chickens – allowing her to not only work for others, but to farm her own piece of land and increase her income.

She is now confident in the future and always smiling.

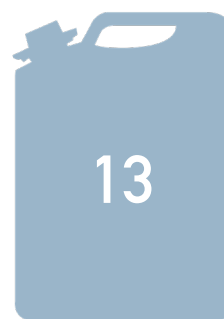
FY18 Solution Statistics



SAM3 Household Filters



SAM2 Community Filters



Rain Water Harvesting Systems

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Volunteering + Something Even Better

Helping those in need has been a part of Steve Nauta's life since he was a child. At an early age, his mother instilled in him the importance of helping others, something that has driven him throughout his life, both in his career and in his charitable volunteer work. Steve's work for Habitat for Humanity and his volunteer work with 20 Liters allows him to live his life in a way that honors his faith as well as his long-held belief that helping others in need is always the right thing to do.

Steve first became aware of 20 Liters while attending a meeting at Mars Hill Bible Church. The story and the work of 20 Liters, struck a nerve with Steve. Access to clean water, Steve thought, is literally one of the most basic necessities for all life on Earth, and the fact that so many around the world don't have access to even this most simple and critical requirement didn't sit well with Steve. He wanted to do something to help right this wrong.



Steve found his place as a Filter Build Leader and Inventory Manager. 20 Liters Filter Build Events gather groups of volunteers to get hands-on in the fight for clean water to complete the initial assembly of filter components. As a Filter Build Leader, Steve helps oversee this process, assisting volunteers and ensuring that everything at each Filter Build runs smoothly.

Steve's participation in Filter Builds has also gone beyond leading events. During the Christmas season, Steve and his wife Kristen got to thinking about what they could do with their own family to make the holiday a bit less material, and a bit more meaningful. The family's 15-year-old niece made the suggestion that the family should participate in a 20 Liters Filter Build in place of some of those excessive presents. The whole family, from Steve and Kristen's young children to Kristen's 77-year-old mother, attended a Filter Build together... and something marvelous happened: They had fun. Together. By helping others.

It was this first family filter build that convinced Steve that he was doing the right thing. Volunteering as a Filter Build Leader was one thing; getting his whole family to work together, spending quality time together in the service of others on the other side of the planet, was something even better.

Find more information about volunteer opportunities with 20 Liters at 20liters.org/volunteer.

FY18 Volunteer Stats



565
Volunteers



4,174
Hours

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Partnering to Make Dirty Water Clean

One of 20 Liters' most closely held values is partnering. We seek to forge strong partnerships and believe that success is possible when we work in collaboration with others, generously sharing our skills and resources.

So, when 20 Liters became connected with Village Water Filters, we were immediately interested in working together. The goal of Village Water Filters is to produce a low-cost water filter that will reduce pain, suffering, and death caused by consuming unclean water. Village Water Filters has no paid employees, and was relying on volunteers in Colorado to assemble their filter technologies. Around the time that 20 Liters was introduced to Village Water Filters, their aging volunteer base was looking to retire.

After conversations with existing Filter Builders, 20 Liters decided to take a leap of faith. Village Water Filters moved all of their stock and equipment across the country and 20 Liters asked our community for help building this new filter technology on behalf of our partners. This meant transitioning from hosting 6-8 Filter Builds over the course of 4 months to hosting more than 30 Filter Builds year-round to maintain a supply of Village Water Filter technologies.

Our leap of faith and commitment to partnering was met with enthusiasm from our community of supporters. During the FY2018 fiscal year, 20 Liters volunteers assembled 9,375 filter technologies on behalf of Village Water Filters. We can't wait to see what future years bring through this vibrant partnership.



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Mission Statement:

20 Liters makes dirty water clean for the most vulnerable through long-lasting and innovative solutions.