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School has changed the world!

Access to safe water is a fundamental right. However, millions of people are still without adequate access to this vital resource. This is why _____ school has joined the *Children Changing the World* movement to build a well in a village in India.

This movement, which reaches over 20,000 young people every year throughout Canada, educates children on issues related to drinking water and provides them an opportunity to improve the lives of hundreds of people!

Children Changing the world is the result of collaboration between school staff, students and the organization SOPAR, a nonprofit organization involved in water irrigation and purification sector for over thirty years. SOPAR's approach is to help people help themselves by capitalizing on the strengths and resources of communities in order to create sustainable and lasting change.

In 2011-2012, thanks to the efforts of nearly 12,400 students of Canadian elementary and secondary schools, 64 wells were constructed and 22 classrooms outfitted in the State of Andhra Pradesh in India. These wells allow Indian communities to prevent disease, improve hygiene and reduce the workload, already heavy, of women and children who often travel long distances to fetch water.

This program is not just a fundraising activity. Learning materials provided by SOPAR allow teachers to integrate this project within their curriculum vitae. Students are then encouraged to monitor their own consumption and not take for granted this precious resource.

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