

# PAPER FOR WATER

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020







## STATEMENT FROM OUR FOUNDERS

As we reach the end of 2020, we know this year has been difficult for everyone, with many of us apart from our families, friends, and the communities that make us strong.

Despite the challenge of the pandemic, people in need of clean water and sanitation around the world still need help. This year, Paper for Water adjusted to this new world, hosting virtual folding and educational events to ensure that our message about the world water crisis was still being heard. Our dedicated volunteers of all ages continued to fold at home and create beautiful pieces that allowed us to continue to bring the art of origami into the homes of people around the world. Our Change Makers - a group of dedicated youth volunteers - transitioned to meeting online and continue to learn how to become better leaders. Thanks to Paper for Water, more people now have access to clean water in 2020 and that is something to celebrate!

2021 is almost here and we know there is still much to do. Together, we can continue to raise awareness about the global water crisis and bring clean water and sanitation to communities around the world.

*Isabelle and Katherine Adams*

CO-FOUNDERS AND CEOS

# PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2020



With the support of hundreds of volunteers, donors, and sponsors, Paper for Water funded the installation of 21 water wells in 2020 and brought the impact of clean water to more families.

COVID-19 has accelerated the need for clean water and sanitation. This year, Paper for Water funded the provision of 275-gallon emergency water tanks (bottom, right photo) to more than 100 families on the Navajo Nation without access to running water inside their homes. In addition, Paper for Water funded the installation of 7 new latrine and handwashing stations (bottom, left photo) in Zambia, Haiti, and India.

Guatemala  
Haiti  
India  
Kenya  
Peru  
Rwanda  
Sierra Leone  
Uganda  
USA  
Zambia



# 2020 ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

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**JANUARY:** PFW partners with The Hockaday School to teach students about the global water crisis; 1 million copies of an elementary reader about PFW is released to schools around the United States.

**MARCH:** PFW goes virtual due to COVID-19; PFW hosts its first virtual fundraiser, the Tulip Party, raising over \$6,000 thanks to David and Korbin King; PFW recognizes eight youth volunteers with the Presidential Service Award representing 2,278 volunteer hours.

**MAY:** Navajo Nation COVID-19 rates soar and PFW responds by funding emergency water tanks; PFW hosts its first virtual folding party; HPHS's PFW club helps students in Zambia by hosting a drive-thru fundraiser for a latrine and hand washing station; PFW raises over \$8,000 during NTGD Now.

**JULY:** PFW enters its first office space; PFW hosts a special 4th of July folding virtual folding workshop; Paper for Water is featured in The Dallas Morning News.

**SEPTEMBER:** PFW's Change Makers lead the North Texas Giving Day fundraising efforts raising over \$12,000; First Christian Reformed Church in California and First United Methodist Church in New Mexico raise money for PFW's efforts to provide families on the Navajo Nation with emergency water access.

**NOVEMBER:** PFW is featured on Texas Country Reporter, exposing PFW to thousands of new people; the Christmas Tree Project, sponsored by Risk Theory and ISN, brings the holiday spirit to Presbyterian Village North and Faith Presbyterian Hospice.

**FEBRUARY:** A record 135 volunteers attend PFW's monthly folding event; PFW speaks to teen leaders at the BBYO Dallas Convention about the global water crisis; PFW is featured on Clear the Table's podcast titled "You Can Change the World at Any Age."

**APRIL:** PFW hosts an origami virtual workshop for the EarthX Virtual Event; PFW's 30 Day Origami Challenge to combat quarantine boredom reaches students around the world.

**JUNE:** PFW is featured on The Nonprofit Exchange's podcast; PFW collaborates with the SynerVision Leadership Foundation's philanthropy conference to teach about making a difference at a young age; Ms. Irene Hadjivasili, a teacher in Cyprus, introduces her classroom to origami and PFW.

**AUGUST:** PFW's Co-CEO, Katherine Adams, is chosen as one of the 2020 Power of Children Awardees by the Children's Museum of Indianapolis; Change Maker Travis Nolan is selected as a recipient of the Wine Country Gift Baskets Spirit of Giving Scholarship.

**OCTOBER:** PFW hosts its 9th Annual Event virtually, raising over \$80,000 with the support of over 40 sponsors and many donors; William Braskamp (age 11) receives the Youth Volunteer Award; PFW begins to raise additional funds by creating origami backdrops for virtual events.

**DECEMBER:** PFW decorates the Christmas trees at the Four Seasons Resort and NorthPark Mall; PFW hosts a Trunk Show at Neiman Marcus; PFW hosts a virtual folding workshop for 200 Verizon employees.

