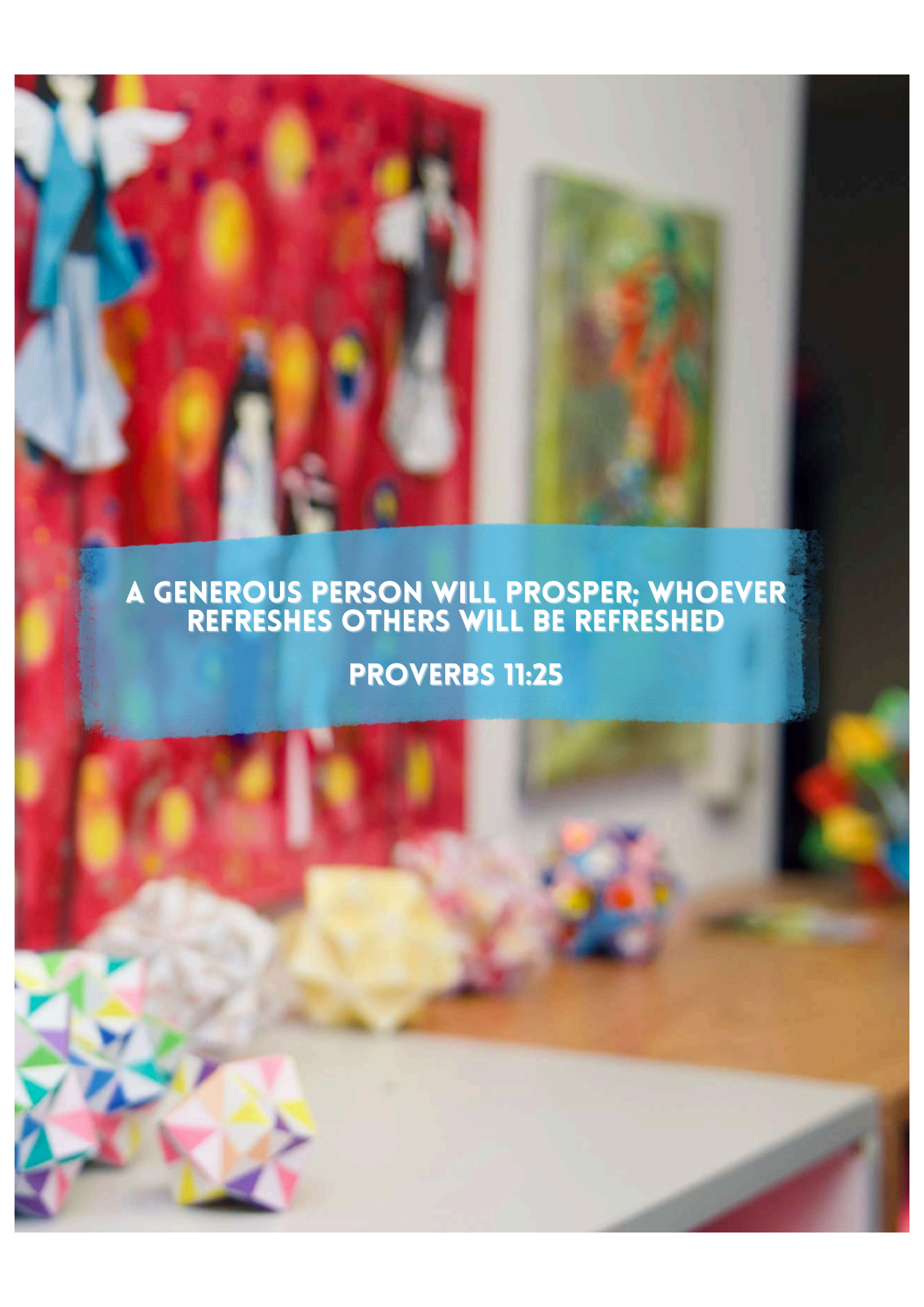


PAPER F  R WATER™

2023 ANNUAL REPORT







**A GENEROUS PERSON WILL PROSPER; WHOEVER
REFRESHES OTHERS WILL BE REFRESHED**

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PAPER FOR WATER

2023 IMPACT



A LETTER FROM ISABELLE & KATHERINE

We are beyond proud as we look back and reflect on another impactful year at Paper for Water. In 2023, Paper for Water was able to fund fifteen water projects in nine countries and bring clean water to thousands of people worldwide.

Our incredibly dedicated volunteers spent countless hours in 2023 creating origami and educating the public about the world water crisis. Additionally, our youth volunteer Change Makers were able to travel to Oaxaca, Mexico and visit several water projects. While there, they learned more about the culture and customs of the communities who are now receiving the gift of clean water.

2023 was also a year of important action and decision-making for us personally. Isabelle started her second year at Agnes Scott College where she is studying political science and mathematics while Katherine committed to attending Southern Methodist University after graduation. We are both incredibly passionate, not only about our own education, but about ensuring that children around the world have access to education as well.

Powered by Purpose, the theme of our 2023 Annual Event, embodies our belief that we are all empowered by God to uplift and transform the world around us. The world water crisis is an immense and daunting challenge, but we know that together we can make a difference, one piece of paper at a time.



ISABELLE AND KATHERINE ADAMS
CO-FOUNDERS AND CEOS

GLOBAL IMPACT



In the countries and regions accustomed to having reliable clean water, the privilege of this access is often forgotten. However, the transformational nature of water is evident within the communities who have recently received the gift of clean water. For these communities, the many consequences of unclean and inaccessible water sources is a recent memory:

“The situation was difficult. We went very far to get water. We used to spend about two hours waiting because the water sources were often crowded. The rivers didn't have water. We wasted a lot of time looking for water.” These are the words of a community member from Gileron, Haiti. They look back at the time when their community did not have an accessible water source and when the women and children of Gileron traveled hours to collect water. Thanks to Paper for Water's funding and our boots-on-the-ground partner, Living Water International, the people of Gileron now have access to their own well, providing the community with access to clean water and opening the door for their women and children to pursue educational and economic improvement opportunities.

In 2023, Paper for Water funded fifteen international water projects in Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Liberia, Peru, Rwanda, and Zambia.

In addition to our international efforts, Paper for Water funded \$35,000 to support the installation of septic systems for families on the Navajo Nation.

In 2023, Isabelle and Katherine were featured again on the Kelly Clarkson Show, providing an update about the water well projects funded thanks to the support of the show's viewers and a donation made by H-E-B and The Kelly Clarkson Show.

Isabelle described the challenges previously faced by the Santa Elena Community in Peru. Due to the remoteness of their community, constructing a water system was almost impossible, forcing the community members to rely on a treacherously located river that harbored deadly waterborne illness. With the funding by H-E-B and The Kelly Clarkson Show, Isabelle shared that the 200 community members of Santa Elena now have access to a water well, reducing the time spent collecting water and decreasing the likelihood of contracting illness like dengue, cholera, and dysentery.

Katherine described another water project, funded from donations made by viewers of The Kelly Clarkson Show following Paper for Water's 2022 feature. Upendo Kids, located in the Mirira community of Kenya, is both a school and orphanage to 400 children. Without a reliable water source, staff of the Upendo Kids were forced to purchase water from vendors who sold the water at exorbitant prices. When money ran out, older students would leave school to haul water from a local river, ultimately increasing the school dropout rates. Katherine informed viewers that the water well installed at Upendo Kids, made possible due to their generosity, provides the hundreds of children with a water system that feeds water throughout the campus.

Josephine, a teacher at Upendo Kids stated, *"We no longer have to buy water for drinking! The money we save will be used to improve the lives of children who come to the orphanage. We will also use the water to irrigate crops in our greenhouse. We expect to grow all the vegetables we consume in the orphanage. This will reduce the cost of buying food."*



**ISABELLE AND KATHERINE BACK ON THE
KELLY CLARKSON SHOW**



STUDENTS OF UPENDO KIDS



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**OUR SITUATION WILL BE
CHANGED BECAUSE WE HAVE A
NEW WATER SYSTEM NEARBY
WITH ENOUGH SAFE WATER,
ESPECIALLY IN THE MIDDLE OF
THIS LONG PERIOD OF DROUGHT.**
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**COMMUNITY MEMBER
BEAUFORT COMMUNITY, HAITI**

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**I AM VERY HAPPY BECAUSE
GOD HEARD OUR PRAYER
AND IS BLESSING MY
COMMUNITY WITH A WELL
AND NOW, WE WILL DRINK
SAFE WATER.**

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**COMMUNITY MEMBER
ULLPAYACU LOCALITY, PERU**



VOLUNTEER IMPACT



APRIL BARNES PHOTOGRAPHY

At Paper for Water, our volunteers demonstrate every day that no one is too young or too old to make a difference in the world. Our volunteers are instrumental to the origami creation process, donating thousands of hours to fold origami pieces that are exchanged for donations to Paper for Water.

Our Change Makers, a group of youth volunteers, learn invaluable leadership skills by supporting our origami events, educational activities, and fundraising efforts. In summer of 2023, a group of Change Makers traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico to visit water projects implemented by Living Water International, our primary boots on the ground partner for international projects. The Change Makers participated in community sanitation and hygiene workshops, hosted origami folding activities, painted a community water storage tank in Xaaga, and witnessed the filtration system supplying the Santa Maria Albarradas community of 850 people with clean water into their homes. Paper for Water is also fortunate to be supported by several other volunteer groups, including the SMU Club, Well Wishers, and Paper Dolls who regularly come together to support Paper for Water's origami folding activities.

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**VISITING OAXACA WITH
PAPER FOR WATER WAS AN
EYE OPENING EXPERIENCE.
PROVIDING PEOPLE WITH
CLEAN WATER CHANGES LIVES
AND I AM GRATEFUL TO BE A
PART OF IT.**

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**MATEO CALDERON
CHANGE MAKER**



Change Makers Shine at Origami USA

A group of our Change Makers attended the Origami USA Convention in NYC. Our youth volunteers not only learned new folding techniques but also developed friendships with origami enthusiasts from around the world. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Origami USA team, Tuttle Origami, and Aitoh Co. for making this experience possible.



Teambuilding with a Cause

Paper for Water partnered with several corporations to engage their teams with a volunteer opportunity to benefit Paper for Water. We educated these teams about the world water crisis, engaged them in creative paper folding projects, and empower them to make a positive impact on the world.



Origami Installations for Clean Water

Paper for Water unveiled a new origami installation at a Wagamama restaurant in Dallas, designed by Travis Nolan, our 2020 Youth Volunteer of the Year. Countless hours of work by our volunteers brought this piece to life, a testament to the power of volunteerism. The funds raised from this installation benefited a water well project in Haiti. Paper for Water expresses our heartfelt thanks to Wagamama USA for their partnership.



A Special Day of Giving

Our mission is made possible by hundreds of annual donors who contribute to bringing clean water to the Thirsty. North Texas Giving Day is the largest community-wide giving event in the nation. Paper for Water's participation is made possible with the fundraising support of our Change Makers, who inspire their communities to help support our cause.



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**VOLUNTEERING IS A
WIN/WIN FOR ME, KNOWING
THAT MY CREATIVE EFFORTS
ARE HELPING TO SUPPORT
THIS IMPORTANT MISSION.**
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**HELEN DANBY
2023 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

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**THIS WAS SUCH A GREAT
EXPERIENCE. IT REALLY
SPARKED OUR **CHILDLIKE
WONDER** AND
CREATIVITY!**
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**PARTICIPANT AT WAGAMAMA
FOLDING EVENT**



12TH ANNUAL EVENT



Paper for Water's Annual Event commemorates the work performed throughout the year by our volunteers, supporters, and partners to benefit our mission and bring clean water to the Thirsty. Chaired by the Wilburn Family, the 12th Annual Event was held at the Communities Foundation of Texas. Guests enjoyed a panel discussion on business and philanthropy featuring Jamie O'Banion, Catalina Gonzalez, and Gail Plummer, moderated by NBC 5 News host Meredith Land. Special thanks to Erica Denton for tirelessly volunteering to make the Annual Event successful.

Christine Barber was honored during the Annual Event, receiving the 2023 Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. As a Change Maker for six years, Christine has been an inspiring role model for other youth volunteers, supporting Paper for Water's fundraising and volunteer events while raising awareness about the world water crisis. Helen Danby was also honored, receiving the 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award. Helen developed our youth Toastmasters program, leading two eight-week courses to develop and empower the next generation of leaders. She shares her passion for origami by teaching at corporate volunteer events and leading a weekly adult origami-folding group. Helen's volunteerism with Paper for Water was additionally recognized when she was honored as a finalist for the 2023 DCEO's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Thanks to our generous supporters and sponsors, the 12th Annual Event raised \$129,000, funding fifteen water projects and septic systems for indoor toilets to ten families on the Navajo Nation.



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**PAPER FOR WATER IS FOUNDED ON
THE HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE,
ONE WHERE PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE
TO SUFFER FROM SOMETHING SO
TAKEN-FOR-GRANTED AS
CLEAN WATER.**
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**CHRISTINE BARBER
2023 YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

BY THE NUMBERS

\$298,400
TOTAL DONATIONS

785
DONATIONS MADE
TO PAPER FOR WATER

15
WATER WELL
PROJECTS FUNDED

\$136,500
WATER PROJECTS FUNDED TO
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES

35,000
WATER PROJECTS FUNDED TO
AMERICAN FAMILIES

3,978
PEOPLE RECEIVED
THE GIFT OF CLEAN
WATER AND SANITATION





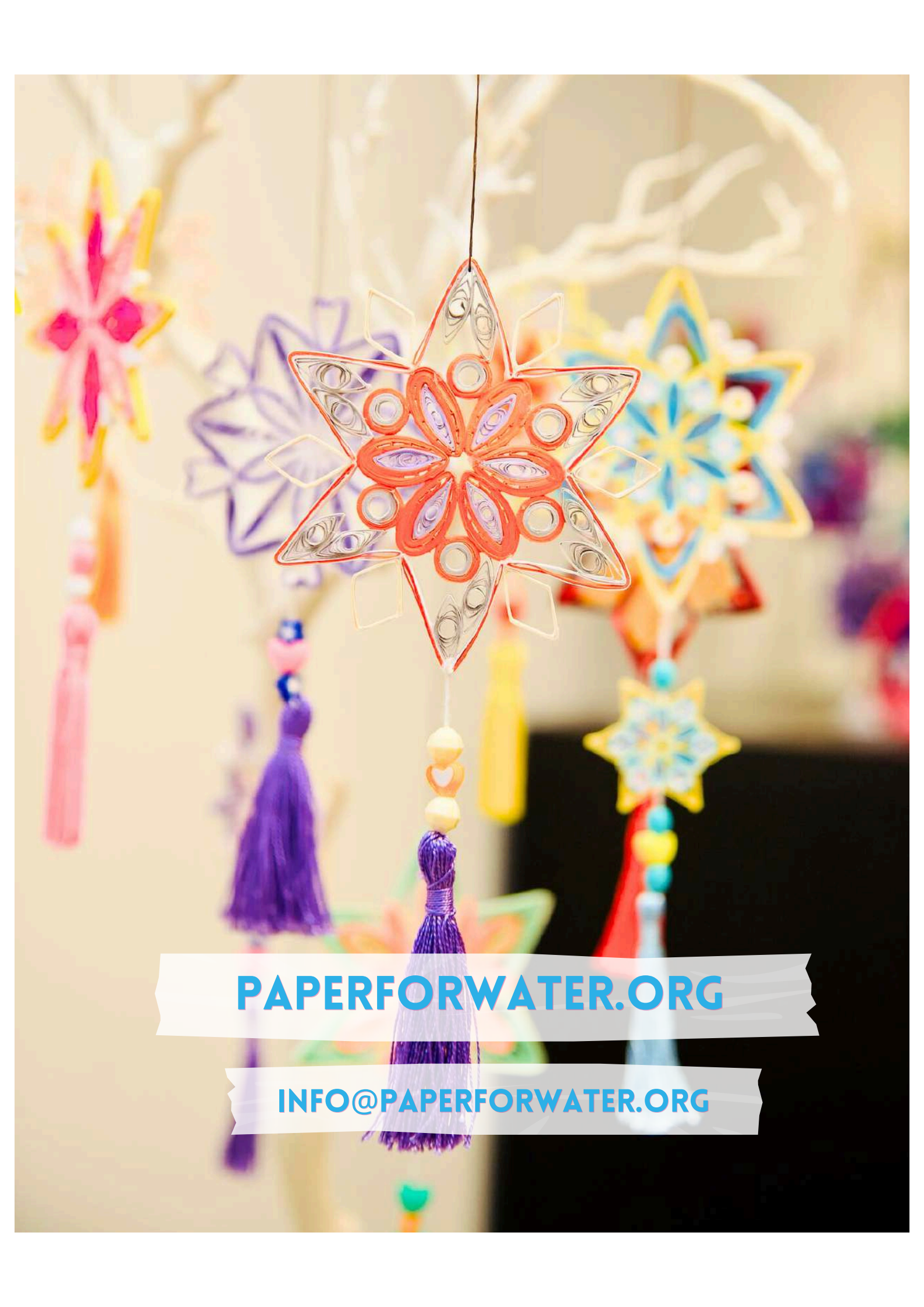
The background of the entire page is a photograph of numerous colorful origami cranes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. On the right side, a decorative tassel with a blue and red bead and a colorful patterned fabric hangs down. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent blue shape with a torn-edge effect.

**IT IS WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE THAT WE THANK
OUR PARTNERS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY TO BRING
WATER AND THE WORD TO THE THIRSTY**

Air Force Chaplain Corps
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Bowl to Soul
B'nai B'rith Youth Organization
Clampitt Paper
Fifth Generation, Inc.
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Lutheran
Modesto Christian Reformed Church
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OrigamiUSA
Prairie Creek Partners
rise soufflé
Risk Theory
Southern Methodist University Paper for Water Club
St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School
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Universal Television
VolunteerNow
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The background of the image is a close-up of various origami decorations. In the upper center, there is a large, multi-pointed star made of red and pink paper. To its left, a yellow tag with the word 'VOLUNTEER' in blue capital letters is visible. Below the star, there are more origami pieces, including one with a blue and red floral pattern and a pink tassel. The overall scene is festive and colorful, with a focus on the art of origami.

**WE USE THE ART OF ORIGAMI TO PROVIDE
MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
THAT CHANGE THE WORLD**



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