



# PAPER F R WATER™

2020

## YOUTH REPORT



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# A WORD FROM THE FOUNDERS

Looking back at 2020 and the past decade of Paper for Water, we are grateful for the dedication of our incredible youth volunteers. Despite the pandemic, our youth and Change Makers continued to meet regularly on Zoom and host socially distanced fundraisers.



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From the beginning of Paper for Water, youth volunteers have been crucial to our mission. In 2020, it was difficult to recruit new volunteers and we were unable to host most of our folding parties. Because of this, our youth volunteers stepped up and took initiative to ensure that Paper for Water was still able to provide safe water and sanitation to those in need. Thanks to our donors who support our youth programs, we were able to provide volunteer and leadership training and development throughout the pandemic. Change Makers learned skills such as volunteer cultivation, how to plan and lead a productive meeting, and how to write a compelling donation letter.

To celebrate the past ten years, we are writing a book about our journey with Paper for Water. We are grateful for your continued support. Paper for Water would not be possible without our incredible volunteers and donors. As we look forward to the next 10 years of Paper for Water, we are excited to see all the amazing things we will accomplish together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katherine and Isabelle Adams'.

Katherine and Isabelle Adams





IMPACTING YOUTH



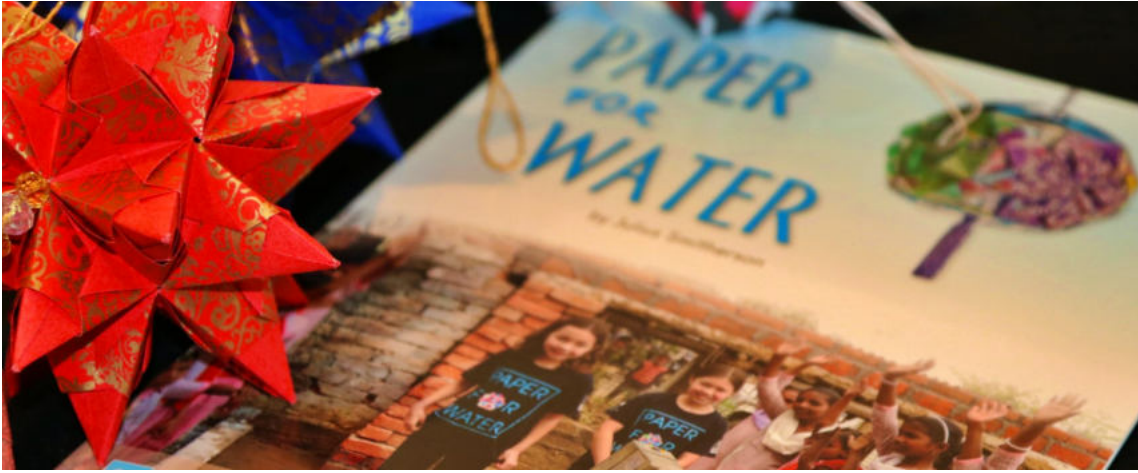
# THE HOCKADAY SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE

**JANUARY 2020:** The Hockaday School partnered with Paper for Water for their Annual Day of Service. Hockaday is a college preparatory day and boarding school for girls located in Dallas, Texas. Its Institute for Social Impact headed up by Laura Day, focused on the world water crisis for its 2019-2020 school year, and its effect on education and girls worldwide. The entire student body participated in the day's activities which included walking while carrying pails of water to illustrate the daily reality that millions face in order to retrieve water.

The students have been raising funds to benefit a school in Kenya without clean water access. They sold hair ties with 844 million written on them representing the number of people in need of clean water. Currently, their origami club is creating origami Mother's Day cards to further this endeavor.



## PAPER FOR WATER ELEMENTARY READER



**JANUARY 2020:** An elementary reader about Paper for Water was published and made available to schools in the United States at the beginning of 2020. Over one million copies were published and utilized as reading curriculum. Paper for Water hopes it will educate students about the world water crisis and inspire them to change the world.

## BBYO LEADS DAY



**FEBRUARY 2020:** Paper for Water was invited by BBYO, a nonprofit Jewish teen movement, to speak at their 2020 annual convention in Dallas. Volunteers from Paper for Water shared our mission with nearly 100 youth during BBYO Leads Day.



## OUTDOOR ORIGAMI PARTY



**SEPTEMBER 2020:** This engaging outdoor origami party was the fulfillment of a silent auction item offered at the annual event fundraiser. Katherine and Isabelle led the event which brought together students from various schools in Dallas as well as their parents for a fun afternoon of origami. Not only was this a Covid-safe and fun way of connecting with others but, it also served our efforts in spreading the word and our mission. Engaging young people to learn about the world water crisis is one of our key mission objectives. Knowledge is power and when young people learn about the water crisis they always want to help. We believe people of all ages have the power to make the world a better place for the Thirsty.

## MOTHER'S DAY WORKSHOP WITH EARTH X



**MAY 2020:** Paper For Water partnered with EarthX on May 8th to host a special Mother's Day celebration. Since 2013, Paper For Water has been part of EarthX's educational programming. Co-CEOs Katherine and Isabelle Adams were given an opportunity to share their passion for solving the water crisis with a new audience and to connect through the craft of origami. The virtual workshop featured two different handmade origami gifts to give to Mothers everywhere.

[Workshop \(video\)](#)

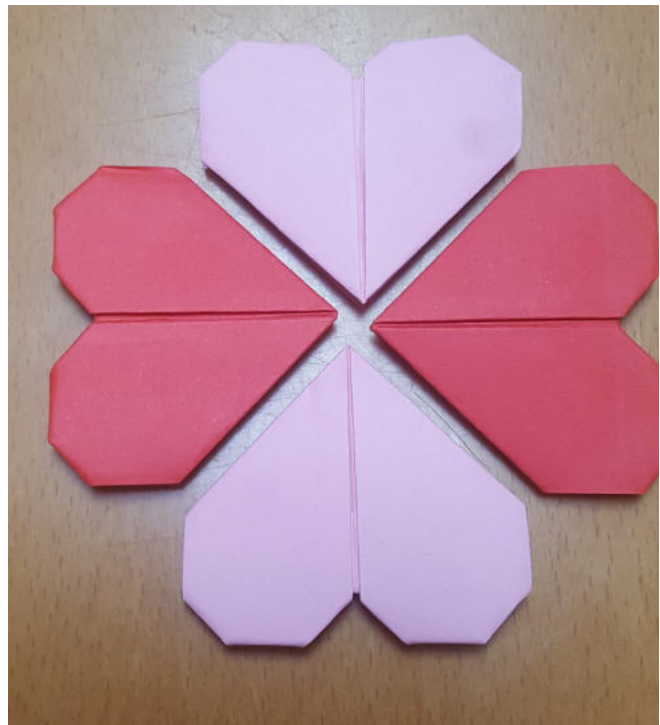
## ORIGAMI CHALLENGE REACHES CYPRUS



"My original purpose had been to get them motivated to look around and see both boys and girls of their age becoming heroes, doing things beyond themselves to help others. That's when I came across Paper for Water. My students were surprised and amazed by your work!"

**APRIL 2020:** Paper for Water's 30-Day Origami Challenge caught the attention of Irene Hadjivasili, an elementary teacher in Cyprus, an island country in the Eastern Mediterranean. Irene used the YouTube videos from the 30-Day Origami Challenge to engage her students virtually since their school was closed due to COVID-19.

Highlighting Paper for Water as an example, Irene taught her students that young people have the power to positively impact the world and make a difference.





## NORTHPARK CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE INSTALLATION AND VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CARD

**NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2020.** For the holidays, our team of volunteers decorated three wonderful Christmas trees at NorthPark's Neiman Marcus Court. We captured this moment with a time-lapse video that illustrates the effort and care each person contributed to making the vision become reality. The Christmas trees were a beautiful way to reach more people in the local Dallas area. Paper For Water engaged young people with an instructional Christmas card origami craft video available through the NorthPark Center holiday digital platform.



[Watch the video here](#)



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## MAIA'S EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS



**NOVEMBER 2020:** Maia created several videos for Paper for Water's "Countries we serve" educational initiative. She is a local student who volunteers for Paper for Water. These videos prompted Maia to develop her research and communication skills as she summarized her findings and educated the viewer effectively. Thank you to Maia for the time and effort she dedicated to making these educational videos highlighting several countries such as Haiti, Guatemala, Rwanda, and Zambia.

[Watch the full playlist here](#)



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS



## ONE OF A KIND GIGA CRYSTAL



**JANUARY 2020:** This one-of-a-kind Giga Crystal model was designed by Tomoko Fuse & Kunihiko Kasahara and folded by Stephanie Keyes, Emily Saalfeld, Tessa White-Parsons, and Dallas Knoop who are students at Oregon State University.

The Giga Crystal took about two months for the team to complete using 1,362 pieces of paper. It is comprised of 816 connectors, from 1" squares and rectangles, 546 cube units, from 2" squares, and there are 91 cubes in the structure.

At Paper For Water, we know the water crisis is as complex as this cube. Thank you to these students for taking the time to create such a beautiful origami piece to donate to Paper for Water.

## JESSICA AND THE ART HONOR SOCIETY



**February 2020:** A motivated and special young woman from New York decided to put her passion for origami to a greater use and partner up with Paper for Water! This young woman, Jessica, organized an origami workshop through her Art Honor Society where around 20 classmates participated. Jessica led them through a presentation not just on Paper for Water, but on the world water crisis and the art of origami. Through her workshop, Jessica and other classmates were able to help raise awareness, create beautiful origami that they donated to Paper for Water and earn service hours.



We are proud of Jessica and her efforts and are grateful as well to Mrs. Diamond, Ms. Wang, Ms. Cassidy, and Ms. Shofield for helping support Jessica during this process.

## MONTHLY FOLDING PARTIES



**JANUARY 2020:** 2020 started with over 90 volunteers who joined us despite the snow and cold. We began folding origami for the upcoming holiday and Christmas season.

**FEBRUARY 2020:** We had a record setting 135 volunteers join us at our folding party held in February!

**MARCH 2020:** Paper for Water hosted another wonderful Folding Party in March with over 110 volunteers. Thanks for helping us bring clean water to communities around the world.



## HERITAGE HALL ELEMENTARY



**FEBRUARY 2020:** Paper for Water origami clubs participate in a variety of activities including: speaking engagements, fundraising, and origami demonstrations at public and private events. The Heritage Hall Paper for Water origami club in Oklahoma City was started by Luke, a fourth-grade student. Luke participated in the 2019 Paper for Water summer camp where he learned more about origami, philanthropy, water, science, and the world water crisis. He was inspired to make more origami and continue to be involved with Paper for Water. Luke decided to form the school club because he thought that other children at his school would enjoy knowing how to make origami while also helping to improve other people's lives. The Paper for Water team is grateful for his heart of service, dedication, and talent!

## STUDENT CLUB DRIVE-BY FUNDRAISER



**MAY 2020:** The Highland Park Paper for Water club hosted a drive-thru fundraiser to help raise funds for a handwashing station and bathroom for students at a school in Zambia. The student club successfully raised almost \$1,000 and brought us one step closer to providing vital sanitation during the ongoing pandemic to some of the most vulnerable populations to the disease.

## THE HEART OF DALLAS NCL CLUB FOLDS ORIGAMI FOR LOCAL HOSPICE HOSPITAL



NOVEMBER 2020: Risk Theory, a Dallas-based specialty insurance company, funded a beautiful Christmas tree for Faith Presbyterian Hospice. The ornaments for this tree were folded by the young members of The Heart of Dallas National Charity League Club and Paper for Water volunteers.

[Tree instillation time-lapse \(video\)](#)

[Christmas Tree Project article](#)

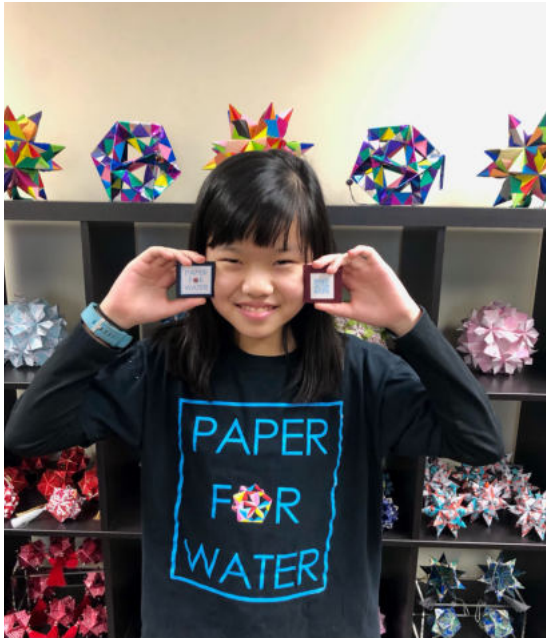
## GLOBAL VILLAGE MARKET



NOVEMBER 2020: Paper for water was grateful to participate in Greenland Hills United Methodist Church's Global Village Market once again. This year was an especially lovely outdoor event. Thank you Ian for demonstrating origami folding.



## ZOE MAKES QR CODES



**OCTOBER 2020:** Zoe is an amazing volunteer who began volunteering at Paper for Water with her family several years ago. She shares her time and talent through her love of crafts and origami folding to help Paper for Water create CHANGE!

She attended an online summer Disney Camp and learned to create QR codes. Using this new skill she helped Paper for Water by making a QR code for tags on some special ornaments during the busy Christmas season.

Zoey and her family have helped with countless projects including our installation of 4,000 butterflies at Galleria Dallas.

## GIFT WRAPPING FOR GOOD



**DECEMBER 2020:** Due to Covid-19, Paper for Water launched a creative, safe outdoor event to provide beautiful gift wrapping and support clean water. The members of Mockingbird National Charity League club came together to fulfill this fundraiser's needs by gathering supplies and spending a day expertly wrapping Christmas gifts at Withers Elementary School. While they wrapped presents with care, they were also giving the gift of clean water. This effort raised nearly \$500 for Paper for Water's mission!



# NORTHPARK CENTER NEIMAN MARCUS TRUNK SHOW



**DECEMBER 2020:** We are grateful to Neiman Marcus for supporting our mission again this year. In the last three years, Neiman Marcus and The Heart of Neiman Marcus Foundation have helped us fund several water projects by selecting Paper for Water as a fantasy gift, offering our origami ornaments to their customers, and by participating in our Christmas Tree Project. They have shown their passion for the ART of origami and helped us provide clean water to the thirsty. Thank you to Neiman Marcus for your continued support and kindness and thank you for having us at your trunk shows at the NorthPark location.





# C H A N G E M A K E R S



## CHANGE MAKERS COUNCIL



The Change Makers are a group of talented and motivated youth volunteers that have joined Paper for Water to contribute to our mission of bringing water and the Word to the Thirsty one piece of paper at a time. Their commitment has been instrumental to Paper for Water's success.

Together, they participate in Paper for Water's events, support various fundraising efforts and collaborate to bring new enthusiasm and ideas to Paper for Water.

Change Makers taught several in-person origami events in the first quarter. Followed by, leading virtual volunteer and service day events for corporations, participating in leadership conferences, and fundraising campaigns for North Texas Giving Day as well as North Texas Giving Day Now.



## WELL DONE 2020



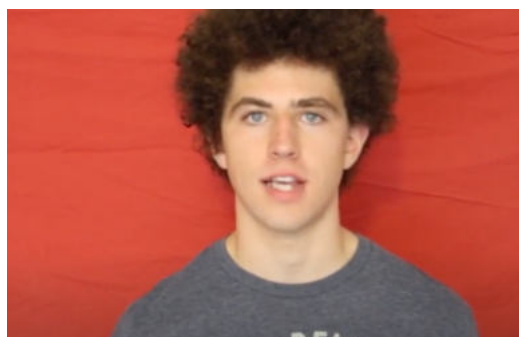
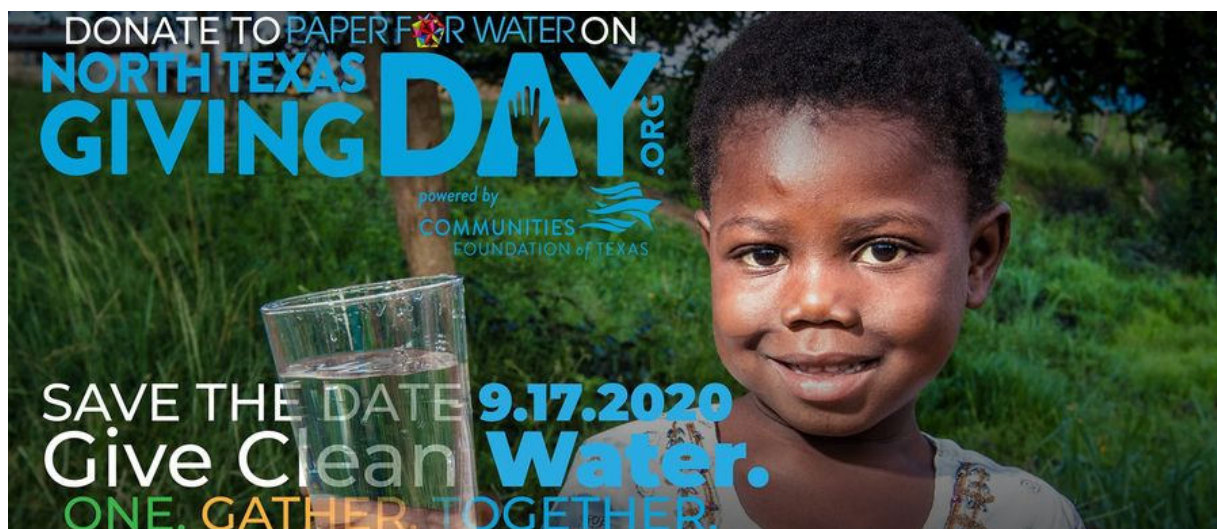
**MARCH 2020:** 1,036 students, teachers, and staff at St. Michael's Muluwa Secondary School in Kenya had limited access to water. The only water source available to this community was a single spring box located two kilometers away from the school. Often, students would arrive late to class or take their lunch breaks to walk the total distance of four kilometers in order to secure water from the spring box.

Travis Nolan and his Well Done 2020 Class water project have completely transformed the lives of this community who can now access water directly from the school grounds. Paper for Water was started to help keep kids in school through giving the gift of water and Well Done 2020 has done exactly that over the course of a year's efforts to raise the funds. Thank you Travis for your determination and kindness.

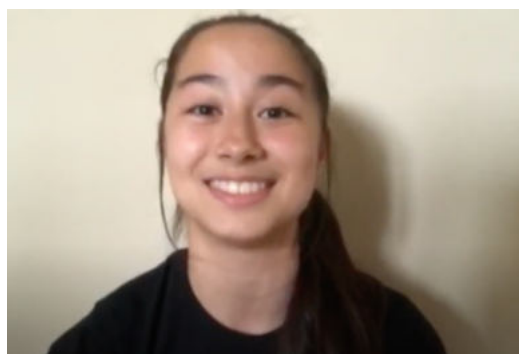
[Read the full report here](#)



## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



[Check out Travis' NTGD video!](#)



[Check out Christine's NTGD video](#)

SEPTEMBER 2020 Every year, the Communities Foundation of Texas gathers people together to foster the spirit of giving and generate support for charities on *North Texas Giving Day*.

To prepare for this event, each member of our Change Makers Council filmed their own video discussing why they love Paper for Water and crafted statements about why they care about the water crisis.

During this time, our Change Makers took the lead and invited people from the community to be a part of our mission to provide clean water and sanitation to communities around the globe.

Thanks to the tireless efforts from our Change Makers Council and our supporters, we were able to raise \$12,117 to fund future water projects.

[Watch our short thank-you video](#)

# VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS



## YOUTH PHILANTHROPY CONFERENCE

**JUNE 2020:** Paper For Water's Change Makers were honored to be a part of a collaborative conference with SynerVision Leadership Foundation and PAVE (Philanthropy And Volunteerism and Entrepreneurship). PAVE was founded by Bob Hopkins who is an adjunct professor at Eastfield College. Bob is an adamant believer that *anyone* can be a philanthropist.

Kids (7-12 years) and young adults (13-22 years) participated to learn about how youth have the capacity to give back to their communities and make a difference in our world through philanthropy.

## THE END FUND EVENT LED BY TRAVIS

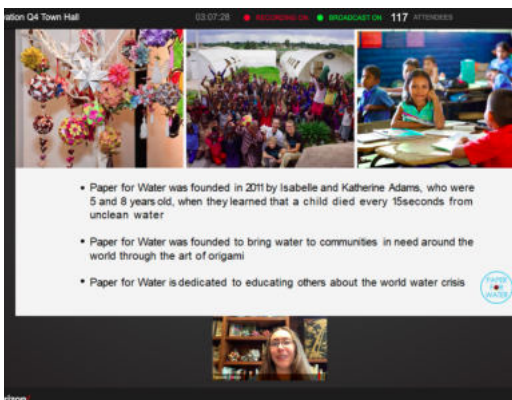
**MARCH 2020:** Travis has dedicated countless hours to represent Paper for Water at various local community events to spread awareness and raise funds for water projects around the world. The End Fund Virtual Team Building event is another example of his willingness to give back to communities without water.

Travis is an accomplished origami folder and teacher who uses this craft to help others. In spite of the challenge of 2020 many of our young volunteers and supporters have dedicated extra time to create for the greater good and change for those without access to clean water and sanitation.



## VERIZON'S ANUAL VOLUNTEER DAY

**DECEMBER 2020:** Paper for Water was invited to participate in Verizon's Virtual Annual Volunteer Day. We had a great time teaching Verizon's employees about the world water crisis and how to fold origami. Verizon's generous donation helped us impact a community in Rwanda with a clean water project.







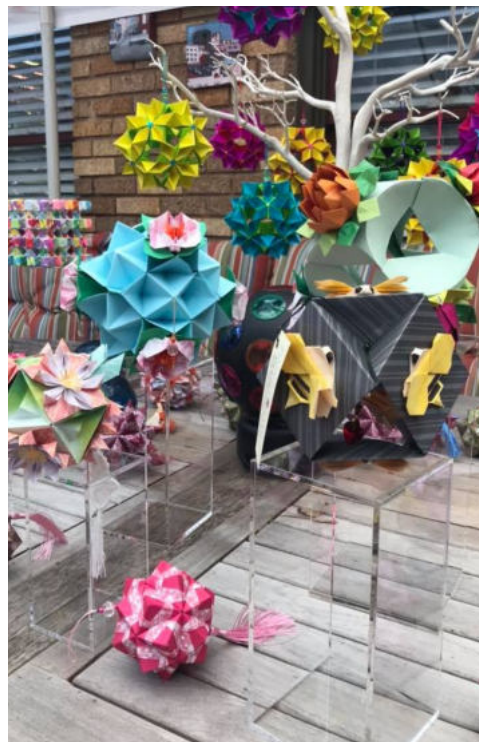
# GOING VIRTUAL



## PAPER FOR WATER'S FIRST VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER



**MARCH 2020:** Paper for Water participated in our first virtual fundraiser thanks to the big hearts and generosity of Paper for Water supporters, Kobin King and David Hudgens. Their annual Tulip Party guests were invited to participate in origami folding, a water walk, mixing a quarantini, dance party and of course virtually viewing the beautiful tulips. Korbins and David were instrumental to the fundraiser's success and their generous Tulip Party participants funded a life changing clean water well in Guatemala and helped fund the installation of a handwashing station and latrine at a school in Zambia. The Tulip Party raised a total of \$6,100, demonstrating that virtual fundraisers can be a fun and successful way to raise funds and bring clean water and sanitation to communities in need. We are grateful to The Container Store and Tuttle Publishing for providing Paper for Water with items needed to create a beautiful display and origami paper for the virtual folding portion of the fundraiser.





## 4th of JULY VIRTUAL FOLDING EVENT



**JULY 2020:** Founders Isabelle and Katherine led a virtual Fourth of July workshop that updated supporters and taught two patriotic themed origami crafts. It was a fun way to touch base with volunteers and people interested in learning more about origami and Paper for Water.

[Watch the video](#)

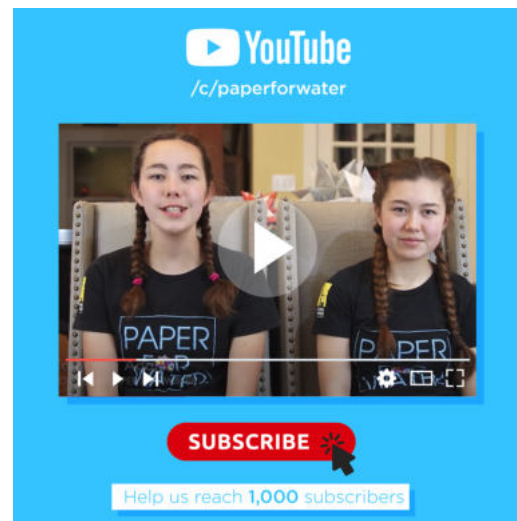
## GROWING OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Paper for Water focused on reaching the 1,000 subscriber milestone on our YouTube channel. This was an important step to enable us to eventually monetize our channel and raise more money for our mission.

Paper for Water consistently uploads videos to our channel that emphasize how youth involvement plays an essential role in helping solve the water crisis. The content ranges from origami how to videos, announcements, educational information and more.

Visit our channel and subscribe to be a part of this momentum by helping us get to 4,000 watched hours.

What you can do to help? Go to our channel and leave one of your devices (whether it is an iPad or TV) running with one of our playlists! If each one of you could dedicate an hour a day for a whole week, we will be able to easily achieve our goal!



## VIRTUAL EARTH X YOUTH CONFERENCE



**APRIL 2020:** Paper for Water began participating in EarthX in 2013 with educational talks and displays about the world water crisis. Due to COVID-19, Paper for Water participated virtually in EarthX 2020. Isabelle and Katherine Adams led a live virtual workshop during the EarthX Youth Conference. They educated participants about the importance of clean water, the environmental impact of water usage, lack of clean water and sanitation in communities around the world, and taught attendees how to fold origami.

## 30 DAY ORIGAMI CHALLENGE

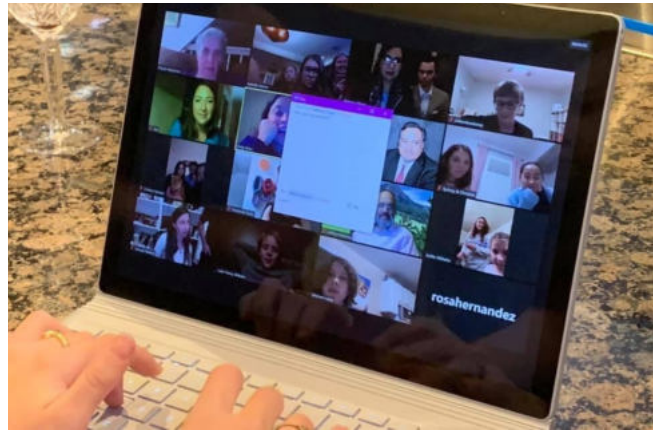


**APRIL 2020:** The pandemic forced the majority of the world to stay home during the month of April to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Change Makers created a 30-Day Origami Challenge to provide an opportunity to learn origami during quarantine. New videos were posted on Paper for Water's YouTube channel throughout April, featuring youth volunteers teaching a variety of origami designs. We received many comments that these videos were helpful in providing a creative outlet for kids across the nation and even around the world.

[watch the video here](#)



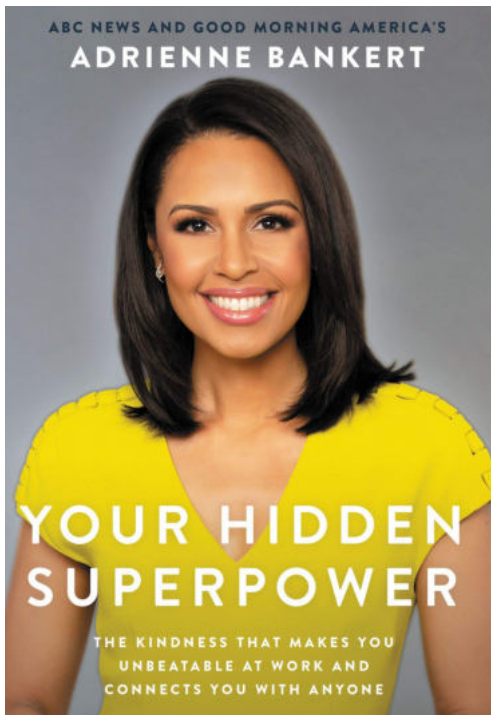
## 2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL EVENT



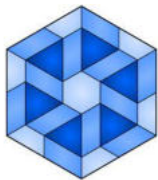
**OCTOBER 2020** Instead of canceling our 9th Year Annual Event due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we took it online in a new virtual and accessible format thanks to the creativity of our youth team. This is a special time of the year when we celebrate the generosity of our volunteers and donors.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our supporters and sponsors for celebrating 9 years of Paper For Water with us and being a part of our big dream to help those in need. This non-profit started with two small girls and a vision of clean water for the whole world. Because of you, this event raised over \$80,000 bringing this vision one step closer to reality for kids around the world. You came, you listened, you learned about our dream to provide water to all that are thirsty...we are grateful for you.

[Click here to watch the video](#)



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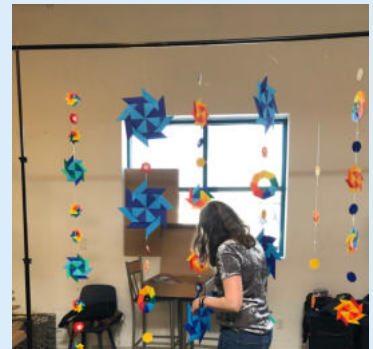


The Zodiac





## VIRTUAL BACKDROPS



Many events this year went virtual and Paper for Water stepped up to help make them beautiful. Volunteers folded countless hours to create customized installations for virtual events hosted by Dallas Baptist University, Philanthropy Southwest and The Slate. This was a creative way to bring the art of origami and Paper for Water's mission to more people.

[Time-lapse of the backdrop for Dallas Baptist University](#)

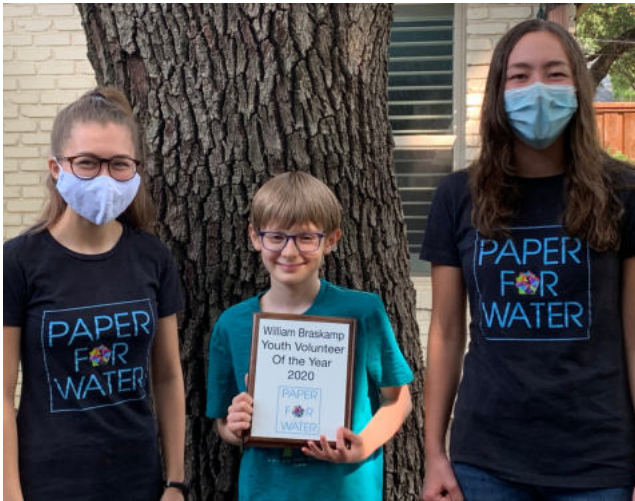


AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



# YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

## WILLIAM



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### More than just paper

Fourth grader William Braskamp has been folding origami to combat the water supply crisis in third-world countries.

Fourth grader William Braskamp gets busy, always his bag of and grabs a stack from the kitchen, just like any of his classmates.

The fifties his homework, taking just a little bit longer than he wanted to on the particularly hard math problems this evening, just like any of his classmates. But while his friends are pulling out their game controllers or phones, he pulls out his origami paper, carefully inspecting its crisp, straight edges for any imperfections.

Maybe I'll try Nakadama's design again today.

Braskamp started origami at seven years old, folding a small water bottle with instructions from a kit his mother had bought for him two years ago. As he finished the first fold, following into the small hole he had to bring it to his left side, Braskamp was hooked by the world of origami.

"It was my biggest impetus to start folding origami as my own," Braskamp said. "It also didn't hurt me the kit, I probably wouldn't be looking right now."

Now, after years of dedication, Braskamp's passion for the Japanese paper art has only grown, along with the complexity of his pieces.

"I'm folding pretty much every day," Braskamp said. "The hardest piece I've ever folded is a tiger by Hideo Nakadama. It's definitely my favorite piece, too."

However, origami is more than just a passion for Braskamp—it's also a way for him to give back to the community. Earning the President's Volunteer Service Award, he's reached up countless hours volunteering with Paper for Water, an organization founded to help underprivileged communities in Africa gain access to clean water.

"It's a charity where people can come and fold for their own needs," Braskamp said. "We'll usually make a smaller model. People will make pieces, and then all the pieces go to Paper for Water to be assembled. They put a label and a string on them to make them recognizable, and then they sell them on their website."

Regularly attending these monthly meetings, Braskamp has been able to share upon and further develop his skill to origami, allowing him to teach newcomers and help them get comfortable with the origami placement orientation process.

"If any I can finish an ornament in 20 minutes now it can go very fast," Braskamp said. "I can make two each a minute, but then I have to add labels and put it all together, so that adds a lot of time. I think there are very cool ornaments."

Inspired by his sister's friends, Katherine and Isabelle Adams, Paper for Water was founded to help

schoolgirls that had to traverse miles each day to get clean water. Through origami, Paper for Water has raised over a million dollars, funding water well building projects across the globe. This initiative allows Braskamp to immediately opening him to get involved.

"Paper for Water helps people that need to walk a long time just to get clean water," Braskamp said. "I was first interested in this when I heard about Paper for Water from my sister's friend. I felt it was really important to me, since it's helping all over the world."

Almost five years after picking up his first sheet of origami paper, Braskamp's devotion to origami doesn't seem to be stopping anytime soon. He hopes to use his skills to further contribute to Paper for Water, spreading the message of water conservation.

"I think people understand it's really important because if we don't help now, the situation is only going to get worse," Braskamp said. "I'm going to stick with it for as long as I can. Helping more people access clean water would mean more people willing to help."

**PAPER MASTER** Folding and a lot, fourth grader William Braskamp shows a fellow student one of his pieces as a Paper for Water event. According to the website, Paper for Water sells pieces to fund water wells worldwide.

OTOPY Jonathan Ylin, S&P/Archie Photos PHOTO COURTESY William Braskamp

William began volunteering for Paper for Water the summer of 2018. Although he was only eight years old at the time, his passion for folding origami and helping people around the world gain access to clean water was inspiring. We think his heart for others will inspire you too. [Watch his NTGD video](#)

William believes that everyone should have clean water. William became one of our Change Maker members and has folded thousands of hours and supported our mission in many ways. We were proud to award him the Paper for Water Volunteer of the Year Award for 2020.

# THE POWER OF CHILDREN AWARD



“When the Ebola outbreak of 2014 occurred, thousands of people died in Africa. However, in the communities with one of our water installations there were zero deaths. This shows just how crucial basic sanitation and hygiene are to a community.”

- Katherine Adams

[The Power of Children Award \(video\)](#)

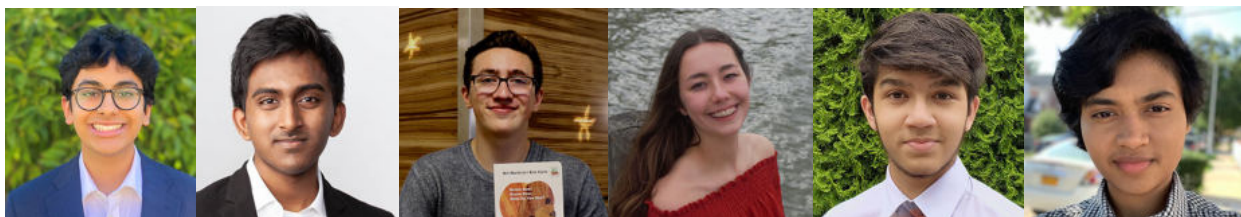
[Press Release](#)

**NOVEMBER 2020:** Co-CEO Katherine Adams was selected as one of the 2020 Power of Children Awardees by *The Children's Museum of Indianapolis* from a pool of hundreds of applicants. Six outstanding youth were chosen for the award. The Power of Children Award was created in 2005 to highlight kids finding solutions to address the needs of their community.

We're proud to be part of this incredible list of life-changing young service leaders tackling real-world challenges with determination, skills, problem-solving, and the help of others that they invite to their causes:

clean water access, education for active citizenship, prosthetics for injured workers, reading for NICU babies and families, education for child laborers and a system to prevent hospital-acquired infections.

Paper for Water invites you to hear the stories articulated from the youth awardees themselves. The Power of Children Award video gives insight into what inspired them to start their projects such as when Katherine and her sister Isabelle found out as five years that a child dies every 15 seconds from lack of clean water.



Abhi Desai

Viraj Jayam

Benjamin Olshin

Katherine Adams

Samyak Shrimali

Jahin Rahman



# PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is a civil award that recognizes dedicated volunteers across the country who commit significant time and energy to support organizations within their community. In 2019, Paper for Water was honored to recognize eight youth volunteers with the Presidential Service Award. Several volunteers achieved the gold level in their age category.



## PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Gold, Young Adult Age Group.....	Travis: 255.5 Hours
Bronze, Young Adult Age Group.....	Cathryn: 140.75 Hours
Gold, Teen Age Group.....	Isabelle: 860 Hours
Gold, Teen Age Group.....	Katherine: 660 Hours
Bronze, Teen Age Group.....	Charlie: 54 Hours
Silver, Teen Age Group.....	Andrew: 91.5 Hours
Bronze, Teens Age Group.....	Ace: 50 Hours
Gold, Kid Age Group.....	William: 116 Hours

[Travis Nolan Presentation \(Video\)](#)

[Award Ceremony Video](#)

## #GIFTKINDNESS CONTEST

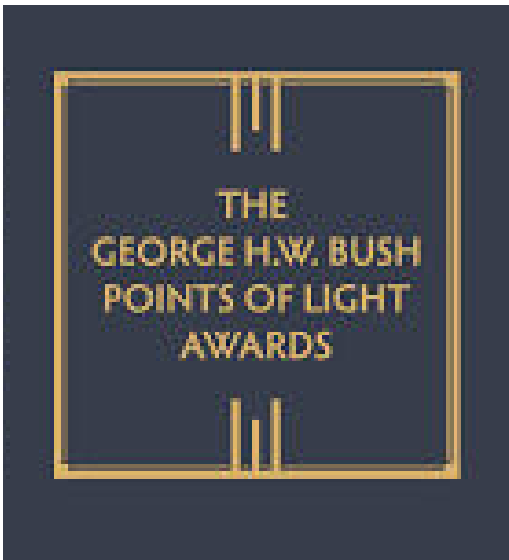


**MARCH 2020** During the holidays, Travis entered Irving Mall's #giftkindness contest to win \$1,000 for a charity of his choice. #Giftkindness was started as an initiative to spread the magic of giving throughout the holiday season.

Travis won because of his outstanding fundraising efforts for Paper for Water when he raised enough money to meet his Well Done 2020 project goal which funded a water well at a school in Kenya. This project allows these students to drink clean water each day and wash their hands to prevent the spread of disease.

We are grateful for your heart for the Thirsty and your hard work. Congratulations Travis and thank you for all you do!

## PRESIDENTIAL POINTS OF LIGHT AWARDS



The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Awards honors extraordinary individuals who demonstrate integrity, empathy, respect, optimism, and conviction in the face of meaningful issues and belief in the power of the human spirit. Isabelle and Katherine Adams were honored to be featured as one of The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Inspiration Honor Roll.

The Award Celebrates and recognizes people who are leading during these unprecedented times. The virtual ceremony brought hope and inspiration to audiences everywhere.



## GEORGE WASHINGTON MEDAL OF HONOR



Paper for Water was the recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation.

The Freedoms Foundation is a national, non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian educational organization. The George Washington Honor Medal is awarded to a group or an individual whose work achieves societal good in the community.

## THE SPIRIT OF GIVING SCHOLARSHIP



**TRAVIS - PFW CHANGE MAKER**  
One of 3 winners of the  
**SPIRIT OF GIVING SCHOLARSHIP**

Congratulations Travis! He has given countless hours to help others. At Paper for Water, we believe "when you give a lot, you get a lot and sometimes you get more than you gave" - Katherine Adams.

He was one of the three recipients of the Wine Country Gift Baskets "Spirit of Giving" Scholarship. It is because of his enormous generosity and dedication to community outreach that his efforts have reached as far as Kenya through his Well Done 2020 Paper for Water project.

We are honored to have Change Makers like Travis continuing to impact our youth program with his bold ideas and tenacity.



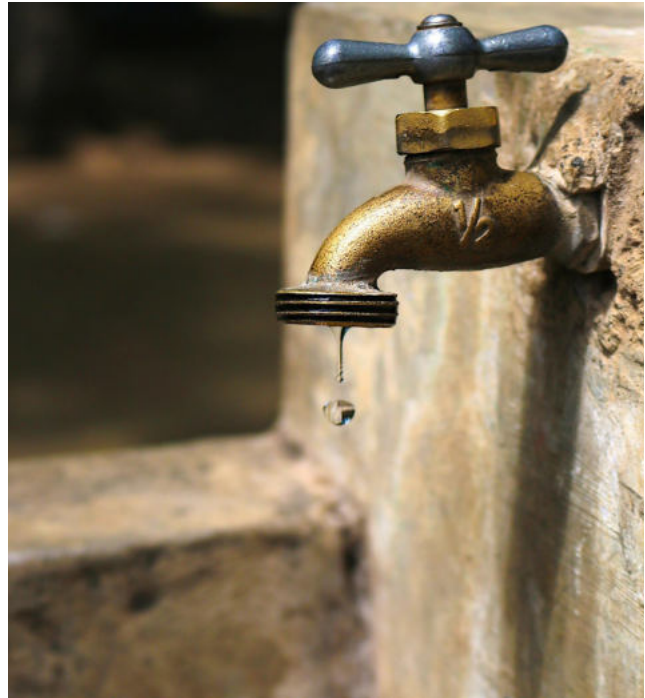
# COVID-19 AND YOUTH IMPACT



## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The need for clean water and sanitation has been accelerated by the global pandemic of COVID-19. Due to COVID-19, communities without clean or running water access have become more vulnerable to infection. Paper for Water has continued activities virtually and we are committed to funding water projects, educating the public about the global water crisis, developing youth volunteer leaders, and teaching the art of origami.

Our youth volunteers and supporters are at the center of our response to COVID-19 as they continue to fundraise and share Paper for Water's mission to the public.



**WATER ACCESS FOR MORE AMERICANS:** The Navajo Nation had one the highest per-capita rate of COVID-19 infections within the United States. Paper for Water responded by providing 275-gallon refillable water tanks, an emergency stop-gap measure, to families in the Navajo Nation without running water. Nearly 40% of Navajo don't have a tap or toilet at home. Providing the ability for hand washing and better sanitation is a key factor to combat not only Covid-19 but other water-borne illnesses as well.

**SANITATION AND HYGIENE ACCESS:** Paper for Water funded new bathrooms and handwashing stations at schools in Zambia and Haiti. These stations are critical to the prevention of COVID-19 infection.

## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY NOW



**MAY 2020:** North Texas Giving Day NOW was created in response to the unprecedented increase in needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the 24-hour fundraiser, the Change Makers each hosted a virtual fundraiser. With their support, Paper for Water raised over \$8,000 during North Texas Giving Day NOW.

## EMERGENCY COVID AID FOR AMERICANS GOES NATIONAL

**SEPTEMBER 2020:** Thank you, First Christian Reformed Church, First United Methodist Church, and National Charity League Inc for stepping up to support Paper For Water's efforts in our emergency water tank initiative for the Navajo Nation!

Isabelle enjoyed meeting members of the First United Methodist church via Zoom and shared more about Paper for Water's mission. Thank you for generously supporting this initiative.







# MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

## THE RON HALL SHOW



Co-CEOs, Isabelle and Katherine Adams had the opportunity to appear on The Ron Hall Show. Ron Hall is a New York Times best-selling author, dedicated advocate for the homeless and well known Dallas philanthropist. His show is dedicated to educating listeners about interesting people, places and adventures in Texas. Thank you Ron Hall for exposure to a new audience and a chance to share about the water crisis from a young perspective.

[full podcast episode](#)

## PHILANTHROPY MISUNDERSTOOD



**Philanthropy Misunderstood: Money won't change the world. Our neighbors will**  
Bob Hopkins challenges the definition of what it means to be a philanthropist and guides us on how we can change the world.

**JANUARY 2020:** Our friend, Bob Hopkins, featured Paper for Water in his beautiful new coffee table book titled "Philanthropy Misunderstood." Our co-CEOs Katherine and Isabelle met Bob when they were in elementary school and participated in his PAVE (Philanthropy And Volunteerism and Entrepreneurship) program. Bob has been a positive mentor and supporter of Paper for Water for years and continues to serve and inspire our youth volunteers with his vast wisdom and knowledge of philanthropy.

## CLEAR THE TABLE PODCAST



**FEBRUARY 2020:** Isabelle and Katherine Adams were featured on the Clear the Table podcast by Northway Christian Church. During the episode, Isabelle and Katherine discussed their entrepreneurial efforts and explained the many challenges of the world water crisis. Thank you Northway Christian Church for your support.

*"A lot of kids are underestimated and I feel like we have a lot of significance and a lot of power to change things that we want to change about the world."*

*- Katherine Adams*



## THE JEFF CRILEY SHOW



**JUNE 2020** On June 24 Katherine and Isabelle interviewed with Jeff Criley. His show features top business owners, entrepreneurs, authors, successful companies and more from a reporter's point of view. The interview shared our mission and founding story with a new audience. Thank you to the Jeff Criley show for this opportunity.

[watch the video on our youtube channel](#)

## DALLAS MORNING NEWS JULY NEWSLETTER

**The Dallas Morning News**



**Inspired**

**JULY 2020.** DMN takes a look "Inside the minds of the givers" and mentions Paper For Water among the other philanthropic givers of Texas.

[Read the full article here](#)

## CANDY'S DIRT ARTICLE



**NOVEMBER 2020** "Paper for Water is a shining example of how even children can change lives with something beautiful." - Karen Eubank

Thank you to CandysDirt.com for spreading Paper for Water's mission in this new article! To read the full article, click below.



[Read the full article here](#)

## INTERVIEW WITH THE NON-PROFIT EXCHANGE



**JUNE 2020:** SynerVision, Leadership Foundation founder, Hugh Ballou, interviewed Katherine and Isabelle on his weekly podcast, The Non-Profit Exchange. Mr. Ballou, is a recognized expert in working with businesses and non-profit communities worldwide.

The girls and their parents discussed lessons learned, the challenges of starting a non-profit, and the rewards of sacrificial service.

[Watch the interview here](#)

## PAPER FOR WATER ON NATIONAL NEWS



**DECEMBER 2020** Texas Country Reporter has been featuring the best of Texas for 24 years. Its loyal fans tune in weekly for its longest-running independently produced program in the nation. The Paper for Water story aired on Texas Country Reporter in November state-wide and then nationally. Our episode includes never-before-seen footage of visits to several countries and communities with Paper for Water clean water projects. We experienced unprecedented support from the nationwide viewers of this episode, resulting in hundreds of donations and ornament orders.

We are grateful to Bob and Kelli Phillips and the TCR production crew for a fun experience, and the opportunity of a national platform to share our mission and hope you will watch our episode. [Watch the video here](#). Please come see us at the TCR Festival in Waxahachie on October 23, 2021.



# THANK YOU!

Since 2011, Paper for Water has raised over two million dollars and has funded water projects in twenty countries around the world. Our mission continues to bring water and the Word to the Thirsty one piece of paper at a time. It is only possible with the help and support of our dedicated, talented and committed volunteers and the donors. Thank you!



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED



**PRE ORDER OUR BOOK:** *One Piece of Paper at a Time* is written by Katherine and Isabelle Adams! Pre-ordering your copy really does make a difference in the amount we are able to use to fund water projects.

Stay Tuned for the link you can use to pre-order a copy for you or gift to a friend.

**ATTEND AND SPONSOR OUR ANNUAL EVENT:** This year marks ten years of impacting lives, creating connections, and providing water and the Word to the Thirsty one piece of paper at a time.

Save the Date and Join us on October 16, 2021. [Learn more here.](#)

**VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER:** By hosting a virtual fundraiser, you can help us give clean water access and build sanitation projects around the world giving people the ability to keep their hands clean and avoid exposure to serious illnesses including COVID-19.

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT:** Sponsor beautiful decorations for your home or office Christmas Tree or donate them for free at a shelter, hospital, school, or nursing home. [Learn more here.](#)

**CORPORATE VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER EVENTS:** Support clean water and inspire your team with a virtual volunteer day or give-back event. [Learn more here.](#)



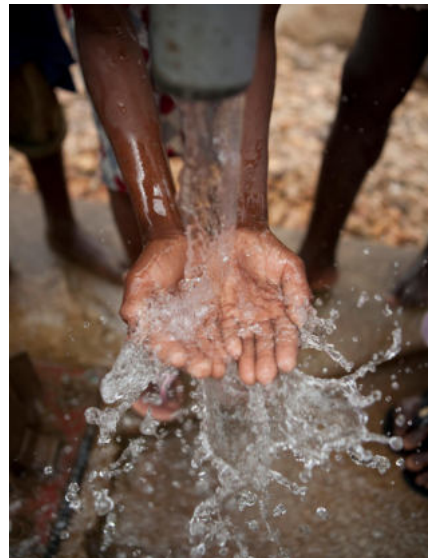
**SUPPORT US ON NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY:** Help us empower more youth volunteers and leaders by supporting our youth programming by giving on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

**CHOOSE GIFTS THAT GIVE:** Choose ornaments on our website that give back for holidays and birthday gifts or find our ornaments at Talulah & HESS. [Click here](#)

**FOLLOW PAPER FOR WATER ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** Paper for Water is active on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Support us today by subscribing, watching, and sharing our online content and our mission with a larger audience.

**GIFT WRAPPING FOR GOOD:** Great opportunity for clubs, youth groups, and other organizations to make a difference by hosting a gift wrapping event in November or December to support Paper for Water. During the Christmas season, this gift wrapping event provides curbside drop-off and pick-up for gifts needing to be wrapped. Volunteers wrap and decorate packages with ribbon and origami. The supplies needed for the gift wrapping event can be collected by hosting a supply drive earlier in the year. We encourage volunteers to invite their community to participate in a supply drive and curbside wrapping event.

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