

Local Bottles for Wells Project Raises over \$20,000 in 10 Months

Building Wells in Developing Countries!



Nanaimo B.C. moms Cathy Aniceto & Michelle Bigg and the Ryan's Well Foundation are elated with the success of the *Bottle for Wells* Project that has sold over 2500 high grade stainless steel bottles in less than a year with 40% of proceeds benefitting the Foundation.

On Oct 14th, Michelle and Cathy presented Ryan's Well Foundation Board Member, Moyra Van Nus with a cheque for \$5684 for funds raised in the past 6 months. "I am so impressed with the world-wide interest in this Project and that even during the global economic crisis where the retail sector being hit so hard that such a significant amount of money can be raised in such a short period of time," says Bigg. "The Project has been so well received by schools, business, organizations and individuals not just because it helps build wells but also because it is a healthy, eco-bottle that is more environmentally friendly than drinking out of plastic water bottles."

Aniceto & Bigg Co. is a small company that worked with the Foundation to create the Project because they were committed to giving back and making a difference. They launched their business and this Project in what turned out to be some of the hardest economic times in 60 years. "We have learned a lot and have worked extremely hard on the Project." Cathy says, "There have been so many rewards including being able to meet Ryan Hreljac, his family and the entire Ryan's Well Foundation last March to present the first cheque."

"Ryan's Well is delighted to have the support of Aniceto & Bigg. Michelle and Cathy's determination and creativity is making an important difference to the work of the Foundation to bring clean water to all. We are so fortunate to have such committed volunteers", said Moyra Van Nus.

The Project will wrap up in 2010 when all bottles are gone and we want to maximize the funds going to the Foundation and ultimately to help people who don't have the basic necessity of water. The Foundation has now built 518 wells, up 47 wells from last year, in part due to funds raised in the Project. "Ryan's Well is an amazing Canadian charity, so dedicated, modest, hard working and they have great supporters," says Michelle. "We have thoroughly enjoyed working together and helping Ryan's Well help others in need around the world."

This year, Aniceto & Bigg Co. is now offering special group discounts for those participating in the Project. To contact Michelle and Cathy for an interview, please call 1-888-739-1119 or email michelle@abcorp.ca and cathy@abcorp.ca . Their new website (and whole new look) is www.abcorp.ca

About Ryan's Well Foundation: The Ryan's Well Foundation has three primary goals: **BUILD, EDUCATE** and **MOTIVATE** – building water and sanitation projects in developing countries; educating students about the need for clean water and the possibility of making a difference in their world; and motivating people, especially youth, to take action and make a positive change in our world. Founded in 2001, Ryan's Well is a registered Canadian charity. www.ryanswell.ca