



Photo Exhibition *pii en kwo :: water is life* Shenkman Arts Centre, March 3 – 31, 2011

February 28, 2011 (Kemptville, Ontario, Canada): To celebrate our 10th anniversary, the Ryan's Well Foundation is excited to announce a photo exhibition - *pii en kwo :: water is life*.

In February 2010, photographer Lesley Marino accompanied Ryan's Well Foundation representatives on a trip to Uganda to document their work and impact. The photos in this exhibit showcase the incredible impact Ryan's Well projects have on the local people – not only bringing life-giving water and sanitation, but in helping to build a foundation for economic development, improved health and well-being, and fostering a sense of empowerment and hope for a better future.

"It was a privilege to witness and document the wonderful work of this organisation," says Marino. "It is my hope that these images adequately capture the hope, joy and positive change that the Ryan's Well Foundation fosters among the people in this region."

Come and discover the fascinating photographs of Lesley Marino in the *pii en kwo :: water is life* exhibit. The exhibit will be on view from March 3 – 31, 2011 at the Shenkman Arts Centre, Lower Lobby (245 Centrum Blvd). The Lower Lobby is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and is FREE to attend. Framed and unframed prints will be available for sale throughout the exhibit; a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Ryan's Well Foundation.

About Ryan's Well Foundation: The Ryan's Well Foundation grew out of the commitment of one boy, Ryan Hreljac, who learned of the great need for safe water in developing countries. The Ryan's Well Foundation is a family of people committed to delivering access to safe water and sanitation as an essential way to improve the lives of people in the developing world. We empower citizens of all ages to take action and effect change in the world. Ryan's Well has completed over 630 projects in 16 countries bringing safe water and improved sanitation services to over 700,000 people. Founded in 2001, Ryan's Well is a registered Canadian charity - No. 88858 7110 RR0001. (www.ryanswell.ca)

About Lesley Marino: Lesley Marino is a freelance documentary photographer based out of Toronto, Ontario. She has travelled to numerous countries documenting the people, places and experiences that define the human condition. (www.lesleymarino.com)

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