



GIVE WATER
Annual Report 2005-2006
GIVE LIFE



WaterCan  EauVive

WaterCan is dedicated to its vision of “Clean Water for All!”

WaterCan is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to providing clean drinking water, basic sanitation and hygiene education to the world’s poorest people. Working with local partner organizations in Africa, WaterCan supports small-scale, community-driven projects that dramatically improve the quality of life of poor people living in rural and urban communities.

WaterCan believes in the power of water. Without it, families cannot escape from poverty. Since WaterCan was created in 1987, the organization has assisted more than one million people in the developing world to live healthier, more productive lives.

WaterCan is an independent organization and relies on donations to fund its vital work.

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Margaret Trudeau

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Did you know?

- 💧 More than one billion people do not have access to safe drinking water
- 💧 Almost two and a half billion people do not have access to basic sanitation
- 💧 A child dies every 15 seconds from water-related diseases
- 💧 The simple act of washing hands can reduce diarrhoeal diseases by 40%
- 💧 Six million people are blind from trachoma, a preventable disease caused by the lack of clean water for face washing
- 💧 At a typical health clinic in rural Africa, water- and sanitation-related diseases are among the most frequently reported illnesses
- 💧 \$25 will provide safe drinking water to someone living in rural Africa
- 💧 Hygiene education helps to maximize the health benefits of clean water and sanitation facilities

Message from the Honourary President



For more than 19 years, WaterCan has worked ceaselessly to help bring clean water and improved sanitation to communities in the developing world. Improving people's access to water, sanitation and hygiene education is critical for supporting local poverty eradication efforts. It helps poor people save their time, energy, and financial resources – all of which can be used to pursue productive activities such as attending school, taking better care of family members, growing nutritious food, and perhaps running a small business.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene education also make other key facets of sustainable development possible. This includes helping to provide primary education to all children, promoting gender equity and women's empowerment, and reducing child mortality.

The work of organizations like WaterCan is one of the things that make me proud to be a Canadian. Please join me in supporting WaterCan's vital work.

Margaret Trudeau, *Honourary President*

Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors



After an exceptional year of growth and achievement, your Board of Directors approved a four year strategic plan entitled *Building Tomorrow, Today*. The strategy, which runs from 2006 to 2010, outlines the broad directions that will be undertaken by WaterCan, both overseas and in Canada.

Over the next four years we will provide clean drinking water to 120,000 people living in Africa. We will expand our efforts to develop a strong constituency of Canadians who support efforts aimed at increasing access to water, sanitation, and hygiene education.

WaterCan's ability to implement this strategy will depend on the financial support provided by caring individuals, faith-based organizations, community groups, corporations, CIDA, and private foundations, among others. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express my deep gratitude to everyone who supports WaterCan's vision of "Clean Water for All!"

WaterCan is well served by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors and a staff team who carry out their essential work with skill, compassion, and enthusiasm. I thank them for their outstanding efforts.

James Knight, *Chair*

Message from the Executive Director



While the countries of focus for WaterCan – Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania – seldom make headlines in local newspapers or on television screens, a significant proportion of their population contributes to the 1.1 billion people who do not have access

to safe drinking water, and to the 2.4 billion people who do not have the dignity of proper sanitation facilities. As each year 2.2 million people, mostly children, die from preventable diseases caused by contaminated water and poor sanitation, we must NEVER allow this to become a mere statistic.

I remember meeting Mira, a teenager, fetching water at a newly installed pump in rural Uganda. This young woman eagerly shared with me that the source of clean water, new latrines, and the hygiene education provided by WaterCan's partner had given her new hope and the dream of becoming a school teacher. In fulfilling her dream she will be able to share her knowledge of the importance of clean water in the prevention of illnesses and death.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, WaterCan accomplished a significant milestone this past year by surpassing the one million dollar mark in revenue. Donations increased 25.0% and, including income received from CIDA, we enjoyed an overall growth of 18.2%. Total expenditures for the year increased by 16.4%, mostly due to increased investments in our international programs. Through this growth, we completed another successful year of working together with overseas partners in finding lasting solutions to water and sanitation issues. Over the past year we have been able to positively change the lives of over 20,000 people.

None of this would have been possible without the WaterCan team of dedicated staff; a committed Board of Directors; hundreds of volunteers and the generosity of kind-hearted donors. Thank you, once again, for sharing in our vision of "Clean Water for All!"

Gary H.J. Pluim, *Executive Director*

Working with local partners, WaterCan uses practical solutions to provide clean drinking water to the world's poorest people. To maximize health benefits, all WaterCan projects include three important and inter-related components – locally appropriate water systems, simple yet effective sanitation facilities, and hygiene education. Our projects emphasize local ownership of planning and management, while paying special attention to the role of women.

WaterCan's international program currently focuses on four African countries – Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. During 2005/06, WaterCan partnered with 14 local organizations to carry out water and sanitation projects in rural and urban areas.

With the completion of the third year of WaterCan's *Nile Basin Integrated Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Promotion Project*, funded in part by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), this initiative has so far provided clean water to over 50,000 people.

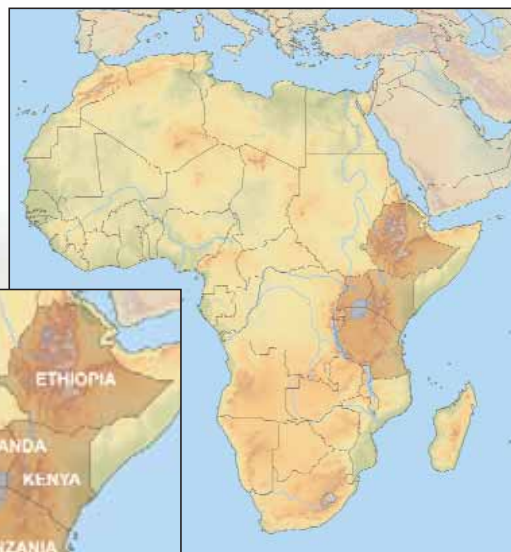
In December 2005, CIDA approved a grant of \$200,000 to help co-fund WaterCan's new initiative, *Clean Water for Schools in Eastern Africa*. This two-year initiative has the goal of providing clean water to at least 10,000 school children.

Complementing these efforts is WaterCan's *Clean Water for All Program*, which funds new community-based initiatives as available financial resources permit.

Basic Facts and Figures:

Countries	Ethiopia	Kenya	Tanzania	Uganda	Canada
Population (million)	73.8	32.7	36.9	26.9	31.6
Child mortality (under 5 years) per 1,000 live births	169	123	165	140	6
Average life expectancy (years)	47.6	47.0	46.0	46.8	79.9
Water supply coverage (%)	22	62	73	56	100
Sanitation coverage (%)	6	48	46	41	100
Physicians (per 100,000 people)	3	13	2	5	209
GDP per capita (US\$)	97	450	287	249	27,079
UN Human Development Index Rank (out of 177 countries)	170 th	154 th	164 th	144 th	5 th

Source: UNDP Human Development Report 2005



“We all know that water is life.”

– Community leader, southern Uganda

Spotlight on: Ethiopia

Helping Villagers get a drink of water in Meskan District, Central Ethiopia

For most families living in Meskan District, a rural area located about 200 kilometres south of Addis Ababa, getting a drink of water is a daily ordeal. Local women and children spend a good part of their day fetching water from muddy streams and rivers kilometres away. Working in partnership with the local organization COWDO, WaterCan has supported the construction of ten hand-dug wells, which together serve over 4,000 villagers. Since using water from the wells, villagers report that their families are less affected by previously common illnesses such as diarrhoea and stomach aches, and that it is easier to keep their clothes and homes clean.

In most areas of the district, open-field defecation remains a common practice. Beyond the immediate health hazards, many girls and women have to relieve themselves under the cover of darkness, endangering their personal security. Through training sessions organized by COWDO, community members Nuri Gemechu and his wife Sergota learned how to build the pit latrine now located next to their small thatched-roof home. They have two children, Belaynesh, their two-year-old daughter, and Fetiya, their five-year-old son. Since building the pit latrine, Nuri reports that many of his neighbours have dropped by to ask him how to build one. Sergota mentioned that she no longer feels embarrassed to invite guests to their home because they now have a pit latrine to offer.

Sharing Knowledge in the Water and Sanitation Sector

For the second year in a row, WaterCan was invited to New York to serve as an advisor to the Canadian delegation at the 13th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-13) held in April 2005. This key UN conference once again focused on how the international community could best extend water supply and sanitation services to poor communities.

As part of WaterCan's on-going commitment to local capacity building, the agency sponsored 14 staff members from our African partner organizations to attend the 31st WEDC International Conference "Maximizing the benefits from water and environmental sanitation" held in Kampala, Uganda in November 2005. WaterCan also organizes technical training workshops in Africa to strengthen local partner organizations.



Spotlight on: Tanzania

Providing Dar es Salaam's poor with clean water

In the slum community of Kipunguni in Dar es Salaam (the Tanzanian capital), most households have to purchase water from roving hand-cart vendors who can charge as much as \$0.20 for a 20 litre jerry can of water. Due to this extreme expense, the poorest families are forced to use water taken from polluted hand-dug wells or ponds. Not surprisingly, outbreaks of water-related diseases such as dysentery and cholera are very common.

Working in partnership with the local organization WEPMO and the residents of Kipuguni, a 60 metre deep borehole well was drilled and connected to raised storage tanks which feed a small network of communal tap-stands, each serving different sections of the neighbourhood. Today, over 2,500 people living in Kipunguni now have access to a more convenient and affordable source of drinking water.

Toilet facilities in Kipuguni are virtually absent and this contributes to the community's sanitation problems. Since the area has a high water table and porous sandy soils, conventional pit latrines would easily pollute the groundwater and could not be promoted. Instead, a public ecological sanitation or "ecosan" toilet block that collects and composts human waste in above-ground chambers has been built in the centre of the community.

WaterCan's public education efforts in Canada aim to spread the word to its supporters and potential supporters about the health and development benefits of clean water, proper sanitation, and hygiene education in the developing world. This is done through various channels including special events, speaking engagements, WaterCan's website, the WaterDrops newsletter, and the mass media.

Youth on the move

WaterCan@Universities, WaterCan's University chapter program continues to grow as established chapters excel and start-ups gain experience planning events. There are now 10 chapters at Universities across Ontario and Quebec. The chapter members are committed to raising awareness about global and Canadian water and sanitation issues across their respective campuses and communities.

WaterCan's other youth initiative, *Clean Water for Schools*, offers educational resources to students, teachers and other groups, including posters, games, and water-related, curriculum-specific activities (*H2Oh!*). WaterCan encourages students to hold engagement activities to explore water and sanitation issues affecting children and schools in Africa.



Members of the WaterCan@UOttawa University chapter volunteered for the "Walk of Hope".

Margaret Trudeau delivers *Water for Life* postcards to federal government

To help mark World Water Day (March 22 of each year) WaterCan's Honourary President Margaret Trudeau led a group of WaterCan supporters carrying 20 litre containers of water in a "Walk of Hope" to Parliament Hill. At a press conference, Ms. Trudeau presented the postcards signed by Canadians to government representatives. The ten-year campaign encourages the government to increase foreign aid for water and sanitation projects aimed at poor communities.



Honourary President Margaret Trudeau presents M.P. Pierre Poilievre with Water for Life postcards, flanked by Gary H.J. Pluim and James Knight.

\$25 will provide safe drinking water to someone living in rural Africa

"I am very grateful that I was able to participate in the study tour. It was an amazing chance to really learn, see and understand the challenges and the work that WaterCan does...I am definitely convinced that the work WaterCan does is very important and has a positive and lasting impact."

— 2005 study tour participant, Montreal, QC.

Inaugural African study tour a big success!

In May 2005, a group of five adventurous and self-financed Canadians travelled to Ethiopia with WaterCan staff to see first-hand how water and sanitation projects are making a difference in the lives of poor communities. Participants' feedback was very positive and all encouraged WaterCan to consider offering more study tours in the future.

The year 2005/06 saw WaterCan's annual revenue exceed \$1 million dollars for the first time ever. Total income increased by 18.2% over the previous fiscal year to \$1,033,245. About 60% of WaterCan's funding comes from voluntary donations and this underscores the importance of support from individual Canadians and groups in carrying out our programs and activities.

Donations from individuals, schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, foundations, and other community groups rose by 25.0% over the previous fiscal year. The support provided by foundations has been especially encouraging, notably a \$15,000 grant from the Wild Rose Foundation. The number of donors who are signing on to WaterCan's monthly giving program and those who are donating on-line is also growing steadily.

WaterCan's Annual Embassy Dinner

WaterCan's flagship fundraising event at the historic Aberdeen Pavilion in Ottawa was once again an evening to remember for more than 600 guests. The 11th annual embassy dinner, presented by MDS Nordion, featured an enormous buffet served by more than 30 Embassies and High Commissions. By the end of the evening, more than \$116,000 had been raised to support WaterCan's work.

An Evening with Angela Hewitt

In September 2005, world-renowned Canadian pianist Angela Hewitt gave a special benefit concert in Ottawa to help raise funds in support of WaterCan's work. Enthralling the audience with the music of Bach and Chopin, the magical evening raised over \$27,000.

Canadian youth help bring clean water to Africa!

Holding creative awareness and fundraising events such as dance parties, art auctions, and guest speakers, WaterCan's university chapters easily reached the \$25,000 target set for the 2005/06 university challenge project: "Nyaruenya community water and sanitation" in Kenya. Financial support from elementary and secondary schools across the country also continues to be strong.

Supporter Spotlight

"Average Joe" bikes across Africa for water

A self-described "average-Joe", Michael Coo is a forty-something father of two from Kingston, ON, who wanted to make a difference. In early 2006, the one-time bike courier participated in the Tour d'Afrique, an 11,900 km bicycle race from Cairo, Egypt to Cape Town, South Africa. Along the way he had an opportunity to visit one of WaterCan's projects in Nairobi, Kenya. A seasoned traveller, he is constantly struck by the fundamental necessity of clean drinking water. "Water," says Michael, "makes the difference between a community that is thriving and healthy, and one that is struggling and plagued by illness." Through Michael's tremendous efforts, more than \$6,500 was raised for WaterCan.

Tom Baines Junior High School

In 2001, Suzanne Vandenburg, a grade 8 teacher at Tom Baines Junior High School in Calgary, AB, asked her students to give presentations on what Canada was doing to help developing countries. The presentations deeply affected the students who decided they wanted to help in some tangible way. The decision was made to raise funds for WaterCan. Very quickly the school collected \$1,200! Now, every year, the school raises funds to support WaterCan's work in Africa.

THANK YOU!

WaterCan's vital work would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of its supporters and volunteers. WaterCan's Board of Directors extends its thanks to all who have helped WaterCan over the past year, including thousands of individuals and anonymous donors.

While it is not possible to thank all contributors in this space, we would like to give special thanks to the following organizations: 2Keys Corporation, All Pro Painters, Audrey S. Hellyer Charitable Foundation, Canada Border Services Agency, Canadian International Development Agency, Canadian Water & Wastewater Association, Canadian Bottled Water Association, Congregation of Notre Dame Visitation Province, ControlChem Canada Ltd., Derick Brenninkmeyer Charitable Foundation, Davis Ward Philips & Vineberg, District A-9 Lions Club, Embassy – Diplomacy This Week, Howick Foundation, Italian Canadian Savings & Credit Union Limited, Marbek Resource Consultants Ltd., MDS Nordion, N.A. Taylor Foundation, Ottawa Citizen, Relocatable Homes Ltd., Robinson Consultants, Rogers Television 22, Rotary Club of Ottawa South Service Fund, Rotary Club of Montreal, RBC Foundation, Scotiabank, Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, Southwest Contracting Ltd., St. Andrew's United Church, Wild Rose Foundation.

Special acknowledgement this year goes to the following educational groups that raised \$1,000 or more for WaterCan: Evergreen Elementary School, Havergal College Middle School, Lakefield District Secondary School, Parkdale School, Quarterway School, Ryerson University, St. Theresa's High School, Tom Baines Junior High School, WaterCan@Guelph (University of Guelph), WaterCan@McGill (McGill University), WaterCan@Queen's (Queens University), WaterCan@UofT (University of Toronto), WaterCan@WLU (Wilfrid Laurier University).

WaterCan extends a special thanks to all the Embassies, High Commissions and corporations who participated in the 11th Annual Embassy Dinner held in May 2005.



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Summarized financial statements

To the Board of Directors,
WaterCan/EauVive Corporation.

The accompanying summarized balance sheet and summarized statement of revenue and expenditures are derived from the complete financial statements of WaterCan/EauVive Corporation as at March 31, 2006 and for the year then ended on which we expressed a qualified opinion in our report dated May 24, 2006. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of the Corporation's directors. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these summarized financial statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on WaterCan/EauVive Corporation's financial position, revenue and expenditures and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

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Chartered Accountants

Ottawa, Ontario, July 11, 2006

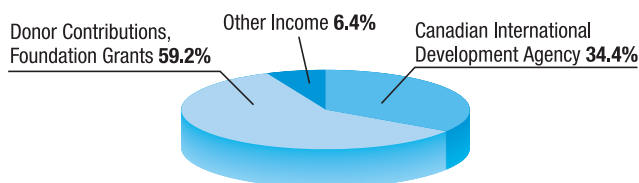
SUMMARIZED BALANCE SHEET (as of March 31, 2006)

ASSETS	2006	2005
Current Assets		
Cash and short-term investments	350,793	396,068
Accounts receivable and prepayments	68,118	15,357
Advances to Projects	68,758	72,192
	487,669	483,617
Capital Assets	2,291	3,416
	489,960	487,033
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	8,794	5,542
Deferred Revenue	148,669	68,135
	157,463	73,677
NET ASSETS		
Invested in Capital Assets	2,291	3,416
Operating Fund	330,206	409,940
	332,497	413,356
	\$489,960	\$487,033

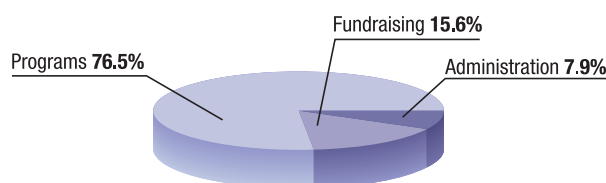
SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

(year ended March 31, 2006)

REVENUE	2006	2005
Canadian International Development Agency	355,564	331,842
Donor Contributions, Foundation Grants	611,144	533,871
Other Income	66,537	8,351
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,033,245	\$874,064



EXPENDITURES	2006	2005
International Program	695,792	555,055
Public Engagement Program	156,919	158,095
Fundraising	173,510	145,360
Canadian Administration	87,883	98,893
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,114,104	\$957,403



NET EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR (\$80,859) (\$83,339)