

SCHOOL CHALLENGE

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RYAN AND JIMMY
IN THE
CLASSROOM

20 FUNDRAISING
IDEAS FOR YOUR
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"You're never too young or old to make a difference."

Ryan Hreljac, Ryan's Well Founder

Hello, and welcome to the Ryan's Well Foundation School Challenge – a project for students, by students! The School Challenge offers an exciting and unique opportunity for students of any age to get involved and create positive change in the world. We build a water and sanitation project while you fundraise. Your class will also receive regular updates – including pictures and stories from the community you are helping – so you can see firsthand, and in real time, the impact you are having! You can follow along every step of the way and know exactly where your money is

going. You can complete any fundraising activities you wish – from bake sales to dance-a-thons, raffles to concerts. Be as creative as you'd like! Not sure how to get started? Read on to find fundraising ideas. Teachers can also find helpful, fun resources for their students on our website. To get motivated, you can even schedule a video conference with Ryan for your class! Visit our website to find out how.

Have a great school year, and happy fundraising!

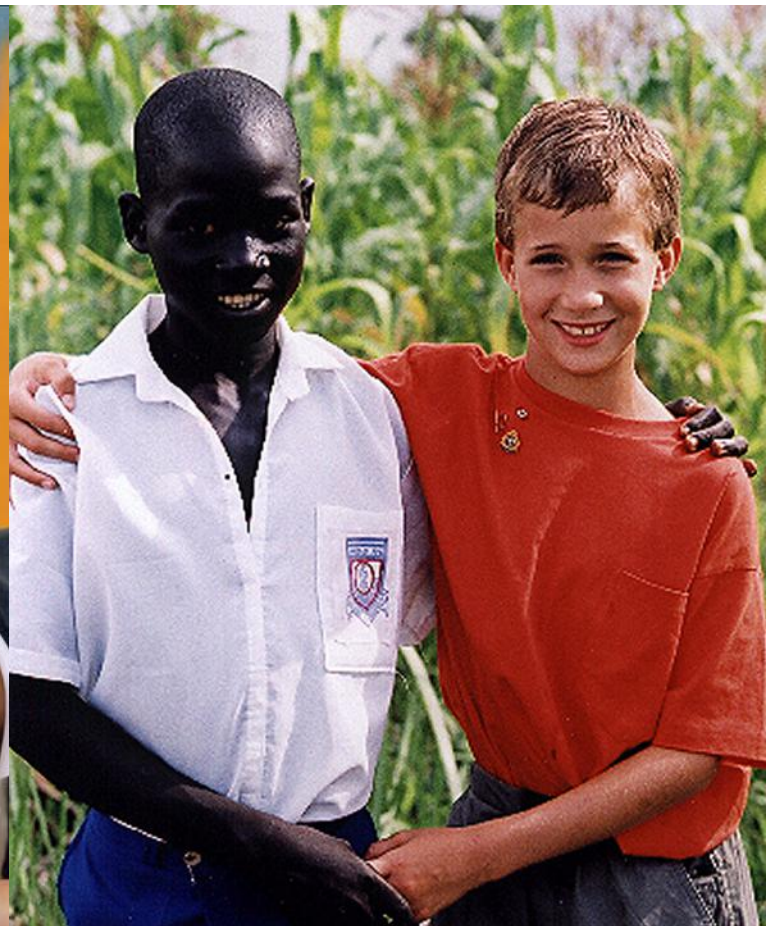
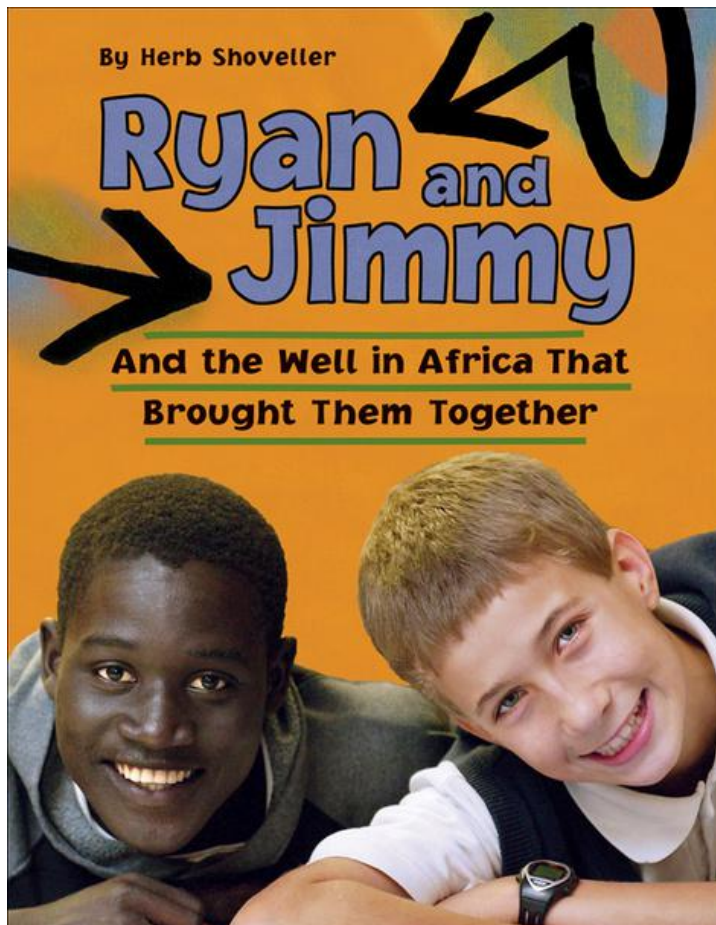
The Ryan's Well Team

15 WAYS TO HELP THIS YEAR

*Signed up for the School Challenge, but aren't too sure how to get started?
Here are a few ideas to kick off your fundraising!*

- 1 A-thons:** Walk, run, skip, spin, ski, skate, swim, read, rollerblade, dance, yoga...you get the idea! Use your favourite activity or sport to collect donations and pledges.
- 2 Auctions:** Collect donations of goods or services to be sold at competitive prices. The highest bidder on any item wins.
- 3 Bake Sale:** Bake up some delicious homemade treats, and sell them to your classmates.
- 4 Cake-Decorating Contest:** See who can create the most amazing cake! Charge a fee to participate, with prizes for the best designs.
- 5 Comedy Night:** Gather a group of friends for a night of laughs and charge a fee to attend.
- 6 Dance:** Create an iPod playlist, hire a DJ, sell tickets, and dance the night away!
- 7 Game Night:** Organize a board/video game night. Invite individuals or teams to participate for a fee.
- 8 Holiday Gift Wrapping:** Charge a fee to wrap others' holiday gifts for them.
- 9 Ice Cream Social:** Bring different flavours to school (don't forget lots of fun toppings!), and charge per bowl during lunch hour.
- 10 Item Count:** Fill a jar with candy, coins, or any other item, and have people pay to guess how many are in the jar. Make sure to give a great prize to the winner!
- 11 Raffles:** Sell tickets for prizes or a portion of the funds collected from ticket sales.
- 12 Scavenger Hunt:** Create a route, clues, and a list of items, tasks, or games for participants to collect or complete. Teams can join for a fee - with a prize for the winning team!
- 13 Talent Show:** Have performers sign up to participate, and charge an admission fee to watch the show.
- 14 Trivia Night:** Sell tickets to a school Trivia Night! Ask any questions you'd like - with a prize to the winner.
- 15 Who's That Baby?:** Collect old baby photos from your classmates (or, even better, your teachers and principal), post them, and have people pay to guess who's who. A prize for the person who guesses the most correctly.

Need more ideas? Head on over to www.ryanswell.ca for more!



RYAN AND JIMMY IN THE CLASSROOM

In Agweo, Uganda, villagers walked a long distance every day in search of water. What they found was often brown, smelly, and made a lot of people sick. But when Ryan's well was built in 1999, life in the village changed for the better. A young orphan named Akana Jimmy longed for a chance to thank Ryan in person for this gift of life – clean water. When they finally meet, an unbreakable bond unites these boys from very different backgrounds, and a long (and sometimes life-threatening) journey begins.

Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together can be used in the classroom to introduce students to the need for clean water, to encourage and motivate them to fundraise, and to teach them that anyone, young or old, can make a positive difference in the world.

Should you wish to introduce *Ryan and Jimmy* into your class, we have a number of resources at your disposal to accompany the book on our website – including mazes, word searches, and crossword puzzles. Just check out www.ryanswell.ca.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED FUNDRAISING

- 💧 Congratulate yourself for all of your hard work!
- 💧 Submit your donation to Ryan's Well (visit www.ryanswell.ca/donate to find out how).
- 💧 Share your event photos with us by e-mailing them to communications@ryanswell.ca, or by using #ryanswell on social media.
- 💧 Continue to follow along with the project by checking for updates.
- 💧 Receive your certificate and letter from the Foundation for your donation!
- 💧 Do you live in the Kemptville or Ottawa, Ontario regions? Contact us about an in-person visit to accept donations.



THANK YOU!

Thank you, from everyone at Ryan's Well Foundation, for everything that you do. We are forever grateful to the inspiring teachers and motivated students who participate in the School Challenge year after year. Your hard work is appreciated, and never forgotten - especially by the communities who now have clean water and sanitation. You change lives, and you are amazing.

Thank you!



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