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Gathering water from the ClearWater protected spring at Teobwolo, Uganda.
Donations collected at the ClearWater “Get Beer, Give Water” summer 2008 fundraiser (above) were used to repair the borehole at Awere refugee camp serving nearly 800 people (left).

“I am the happiest person ever because the locals have shown me what they want for themselves.”

Our First Year

2008 was the first full year of operations for ClearWater Initiative, and we couldn’t be prouder of the results. Over the last year, ClearWater has provided clean water to more than 5,000 people in Uganda. Our projects provide clean water to more than 1,000 primary school children every day. As a result of our successful efforts, the government of Uganda recognized ClearWater Initiative as an official international nongovernmental organization.

After only 12 months, ClearWater is more than half way to our initial goal of reaching 10,000 people in five years.

Our success can only be credited to the generous time, commitment and skills of our volunteers, who helped raise nearly $25,000 in individual donations. Credit also goes to our Ugandan partners, particularly Moses Odong at Framicon, who kept costs low, quality high, and engaged the local community and leadership with each project, ensuring ownership and providing employment and skills training along with clean water.

2009 will be a year of opportunity and challenge. A difficult economy and changes to our all-volunteers staff require us to address fundraising in novel ways. But with your support and dedication, 2009 will serve as the starting point for our new goal: Clean water for 50,000 people in five years.

Ben Sklaver
Executive Director
**ClearWater Is**

A U.S.-based 501(c)3 nongovernmental organization, officially recognized by the government of Uganda to execute charitable clean water projects. ClearWater was founded in late 2007 by Ben Sklaver, an American soldier deployed to northern Uganda in support of the Global War on Terrorism and serving under the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

While conducting joint operations with the Ugandan military, Ben was continually struck by the lack of clean drinking water in remote communities. ClearWater was founded to address this fundamental human need.

Northern Uganda has been ravaged by a brutal civil conflict since the mid-1980s. After more than 20 years of war, peace is settling across the region. Displaced communities are slowly returning home from refugee camps, but often find that the water sources in their home villages have been damaged through neglect or sabotage. During the conflict, both rebel and government forces would destroy water sources as a way of claiming land and forcing civilians to flee.

After returning home at the end of 2007, Ben founded ClearWater with the support of friends and family. The organization is run entirely by volunteers like Alyssa Sperber, Rafael and Gaby Gonzales, and Sandi Hariri who provide invaluable advice on messaging and marketing, Jake Herrle, who captured powerful images of ClearWater projects, and Dave Abraham who assists with ClearWater strategy and outreach. With no salaries and low overhead, ClearWater spent 78% of our total 2008 budget on water projects.

Rather than drill new wells, which can cost in excess of $20,000 apiece, ClearWater works with local communities to repair existing boreholes and build protected springs. This cost-effective approach provides the same clean water at a fraction of the cost.

**Vision**

Within 5 years, ClearWater’s vision is to provide access to clean drinking water to 50,000 people. By providing clean water, ClearWater strives to reduce the incidence and prevalence of waterborne disease in children and vulnerable populations.

**Philosophy**

ClearWater operates on the principle of simplicity. We use only locally-purchased materials to ensure that repair parts are available. We rely on Ugandan engineers and labor from local communities to provide employment and skills training, and ensure that the community takes ownership of each project. Innovation in ClearWater projects is driven by suggestions from local experts. Each project is approved by local and district water officials before construction begins.

In the U.S., ClearWater focuses on fundraising and education. The vast majority of our donations come from individual donors. ClearWater hosted six fundraising events in 2008, each directed towards raising funds for a specific clean water project. All project costs are transparent and posted on our website.

In 2009, ClearWater will continue hosting volunteer-led fundraising events, increase cooperation and collaboration with larger charities and individual donors, and apply for our first grants.
## ClearWater Financials

### ClearWater Initiative

#### Profit & Loss (Cash Basis)

**January - December 2008**

### Income

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**Total Income**

| Total Income                        | $24,315  |

### Expenses

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**Total Expenses**

| Total Expenses                        | $20,425  |

### Cash-on-Hand Dec 31, 2008

| Net Operating Income                  | $3,890   |
In 2008, ClearWater repaired the borehole at Oboko primary school, providing clean water to 600 children. Funds for the project were largely raised at the Schulzie Invitational Golf Tournament in Atlanta.

Officers
Clearwater is run entirely by volunteer staff. The following individuals have donated exceptional amounts of time, passion and skills to the organization in 2008:

Ben Sklaver
Executive Director

Alyssa Sperber
Marketing Director

Jake Herrle
Creative Advisor

David S. Abraham
Strategy and Advocacy

Rafael Gonzales
Designer

Laura and Gary Sklaver
General Counsel and Advisor

Sandi Hariri
Creative Director

Volunteers
ClearWater’s work would not be possible without the generous support of time and materials from dozens of volunteers in Uganda, Atlanta, New York, Washington, Connecticut and elsewhere.

To name just a few, ClearWater owes special thanks to the following individuals who have donated support, compassion and guidance in 2008: Karen Blanchard, Melissa Bowen, Lana Corrales, Gil Eisner, Gabriella Gonzales, Tony Hardin, Lea Morgan, Elizabeth Peterson, Michelle Putnam, Rotaract Atlanta, Beth Segaloff, Yvonne Sheehan, Annie Sklaver, and Sam Sklaver.
2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

Protected springs built................................................................. 5
Boreholes repaired........................................................................ 3
People drinking clean water from ClearWater projects....................... 5,670
Funds spent on clean water projects................................................. $16,000
Average ClearWater cost of clean water per person............................. $2.82
2009 will be a year of challenge and opportunity for ClearWater. Having provided clean water to more than 5,600 people in our first year, ClearWater has been able to dramatically expand our original vision from providing clean water to 10,000 people in five years to 50,000 by 2012.

To achieve this bold vision, ClearWater will continue to build support from individual donors. We intend to hold fundraisers in Atlanta and New York, and build our online presence. ClearWater will also consider new fundraising techniques to nurture and expand our support base and develop partnership opportunities.

Over the past two years, the security situation in northern Uganda has steadily improved. Many refugee camps are closing and families are returning to their home villages. In the coming years, ClearWater projects will focus on facilitating the return of these displaced communities.

Key ClearWater staff will be traveling abroad in 2009. We hope to expand our program linking schools to clean water projects in villages ClearWater will apply for our first grants. We also plan to meet with institutional donors interested in funding water and health in Africa. If opportunities arise, ClearWater will apply for United Nations and USAID grants.

While our Board of Directors and volunteer staff will be scattered around the country, and around the globe, in 2009, ClearWater will continue to focus on providing clean water to people in need.

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