

Voices OF HOPE

Pikangikum, Canada

According to the federal government, 80 First Nations communities in Canada south of the 60th parallel have long-term Drinking Water Advisories. They must boil the water for it to be safe to drink, and in some cases travel far to get the water.

In 2012, PWRDF joined a group of professionals and community leaders from the small fly-in native community of Pikangikum in Northern Ontario to begin to address this situation. By fall 2013, more than \$100,000 had been raised to retrofit 10 homes with cisterns to hold potable water and a tank to hold waste water, as well as the necessary fixtures and fittings for full indoor plumbing and clean water.

Phase 2 of the Pikangikum Water Project began in December 2016. With the help of Habitat for Humanity Manitoba, another 10 homes will be retrofitted with 1,200-gallon tanks to provide efficient delivery of clean water to people's homes.

This wouldn't have happened without the dedication of Anglicans across Canada. Parishes, individuals and the PWRDF National Youth Council have rallied behind the cause. Not only have they raised more than \$550,000 since the project first began, but they've also raised awareness of this important health and equity issue that plagues Canada's First Nations.



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