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As a non-governmental organization Water First's mission is to help address local water challenges in Indigenous communities through education, training, and meaningful collaboration.



YOUR CLUB AND MEMBERS CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

Clubs can contribute through

E-transfer to:
rotarydistrict7010@hotmail.com

or by sending cheques payable to:
District 7010
c/o Office Works
12B-195 Wellington Street
Bracebridge, ON

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7010



INDIGENOUS FOCUS PROJECT

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Water Crisis in First Nation Communities

THE ISSUE

40% of First Nation Communities in Ontario are under a Boil Water Advisory. Many First Nations have identified the need for more young, qualified, and local personnel to support solving water issues, independently and for the long term.



THE PROGRAM

WATER FIRST partners with Indigenous communities in Canada to address critical drinking water challenges.

The **Water First Internship Program** supports young Indigenous interns to become certified water treatment plant operators, ensuring sustainable access to safe drinking water in Indigenous communities for the long term. In 15 months, interns receive over 2,000 hours of training and experience in the classroom, at local water treatment facilities, and out on the land to obtain three provincially recognized certifications.

In the first program, within eight weeks of graduating, 90% of interns were working in the field or pursuing further study

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PROJECT COSTS:

Staffing: Intern wages: Travel:
Equipment and materials: Alumni network:
Accommodations

Funding comes from:

- Indigenous Community partners	40%
- Corporate partners	6%
- Foundations	18%
- Individual supporters & donors	24%
- Community supporters (Rotary)	12%

Project Fundraising Goal

District 7010

Host Club	\$5,000
Rotary Clubs	\$50,000
District DDF	\$12,500

Rotary Clubs Other Districts

District 7080	\$20,000
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International Partner - District 4130 Mexico

Sponsor Club	\$5,000
Rotary Clubs	\$2,000
District DDF	\$6,250

TRF World Fund	\$15,000
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TOTAL FUNDING GOAL:
\$115,750

For more information please visit
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50040/page/indigenous-focus-1>
or to arrange for a presentation to your club contact
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