

***To the Wonderful people of Garland from and the Churches and Mosques Who Participated in R4CW:***

The generosity of all of the organizers and folks who participated in this Springs 'Running for Clean Water' fundraising event continues to amaze and uplift me ! The fruits of your efforts will bring cool, clean, fresh water to thousands of women, children and families from throughout the rural bush area of south central Sierra Leone. Over these past years your work has resulted in the hand digging of wells and VIP village toilets in villages throughout the catchment area in which we work resulting in , quite literally, hundreds of avoided deaths of children from diarrheal diseases. Once we are able to place a well and pit latrine toilet in a village the child mortality rate has plummeted by between 60 - 80 % . And so, this effort you have initiated in Garland is so much more than just a 'feel good, nice thing' ; it is a MIRACLE for those desperately poor children and families who have been the recipients of your concern and hard work. The nearly \$19,000 you raised this year will allow us to bring clean water to at least 3 more rural villages - all of whom eagerly await their turn for life saving clean water. Later this year I will be returning once again to Sierra Leone (my "second home") and sharing this good news with village leaders and our in country partner, Pastor Michael Kanu. Water transcends religion, race, nationality, or socioeconomic status; water is LIFE and I am inadequate in my ability to express how much what you do means to us. For those who would like to view our Seven Hills Global Outreach website and see a video of our work, go to( [www.sevenhillsglobaloutreach.org](http://www.sevenhillsglobaloutreach.org) ) . God Bless you all.

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