

# Chefs for UNICEF Water for Life Gala Halifax Impact Report 2023



## The Opportunity

For over 75 years, UNICEF has been committed to ensuring that every child receives the care and support they need to reach their full potential, regardless of their circumstances.

To achieve this, UNICEF relies on Core Resources for Results (RR), which is the foundation that makes our promise of equity possible. By providing unrestricted funding, UNICEF's partners and donors empower us to deliver change for children.

RR offers UNICEF **predictability, flexibility, and efficiency**, enabling us to plan and implement long-term programs, address rapidly changing contexts, and maximize resources for children. This allows us to be more effective in tackling global issues such as ensuring access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) for all.

The Chefs for UNICEF Water for Life Gala supports our WASH programs, benefiting hundreds of thousands of children, families and communities. We know that access to safe water, sanitation, and proper hygiene practices is essential for children, families, and communities, but unfortunately, many children and communities, especially those living in rural areas, urban slums, disaster-prone areas, and low-income countries, are being left behind.

Your support for UNICEF's WASH programs can make a real difference in the lives of children. In 2023, the Halifax Chefs for UNICEF Water for Life Gala **raised almost \$370,000**, demonstrating the continued dedication to WASH. This contribution not only enhances the health and well-being of children, but also has a significant socio-economic impact, particularly for women and girls.

## 5 Fundamentals about Core Resources for Results

1. **Expert Staff:** Our staff have deep expertise and a network of trusted contacts and relationships.
2. **Taking the Work to Scale:** With a strong footprint in over 190 countries, RR helps us to scale up innovations, best practices, and programming at the country level, which can then be replicated regionally and even globally.
3. **Leading and Pioneering:** Your support enables UNICEF to lead and innovate for children, convening with governments, civil society, and the private sector to find effective solutions, take risks, and create new ideas to benefit children now and into the future.
4. **Meeting Needs throughout Childhood and Adolescence:** At each step of the journey UNICEF is there, helping children fulfil their potential, ensuring they are healthy, receiving a nutritious diet, protected, and attending primary and secondary school with adequate water and sanitation facilities.
5. **Emergency Response:** In a crisis, UNICEF's teams are first responders, thanks to RR, with experts in place to make an impact wherever it matters most, and staying long after the emergency for as long as children need them.



## Water in Kenya

Through UNICEF's WASH programs and the support of donors and partners, Sharlyne, a 14-year-old girl from Turkana County, Kenya, now has access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation facilities at her school. The county has been severely affected by drought for the last three years, causing the death of much of the livestock that families used to rely on, leading to poverty and malnutrition.

Before the borehole installation, Sharlyne and her community used to collect water from the river, which was not only an unsafe option due to the presence of crocodiles but also resulted in students falling sick due to dirty water.

"Before the borehole, we used to go and collect water from the river, but we could see crocodiles there and we used to be afraid. Students would get sick because of the dirty water. Once I got so sick that had to go to hospital for two weeks. I felt so bad. I missed a lot of school."

With UNICEF's installation of 56 solar-powered water systems in schools across the county, Sharlyne and others now have access to safe water year-round. The solar-powered system allows for deeper drilling than hand pumps, and the water tanks can last up to three months.

Moreover, UNICEF supported a school to set up a dormitory so that girls whose families were migrating in search of pasture could stay at the school instead of dropping out.

Thanks to Core Resources for Results (RR), our programs have been able to offer [predictability, flexibility, and efficiency](#). This has allowed us to plan and implement long-term initiatives, address rapidly changing contexts, and maximize resources for children. We are grateful for the support of our partners and donors, as it has enabled us to improve access to safe water and education for children, like Sharlyne. Your generosity enables us to continue making a positive impact for children and their communities.



Sharlyne (14) standing in front of the recently installed solar-powered water system at her school.

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