

YOUTH REPORT

JANUARY 2019 - JUNE 2020





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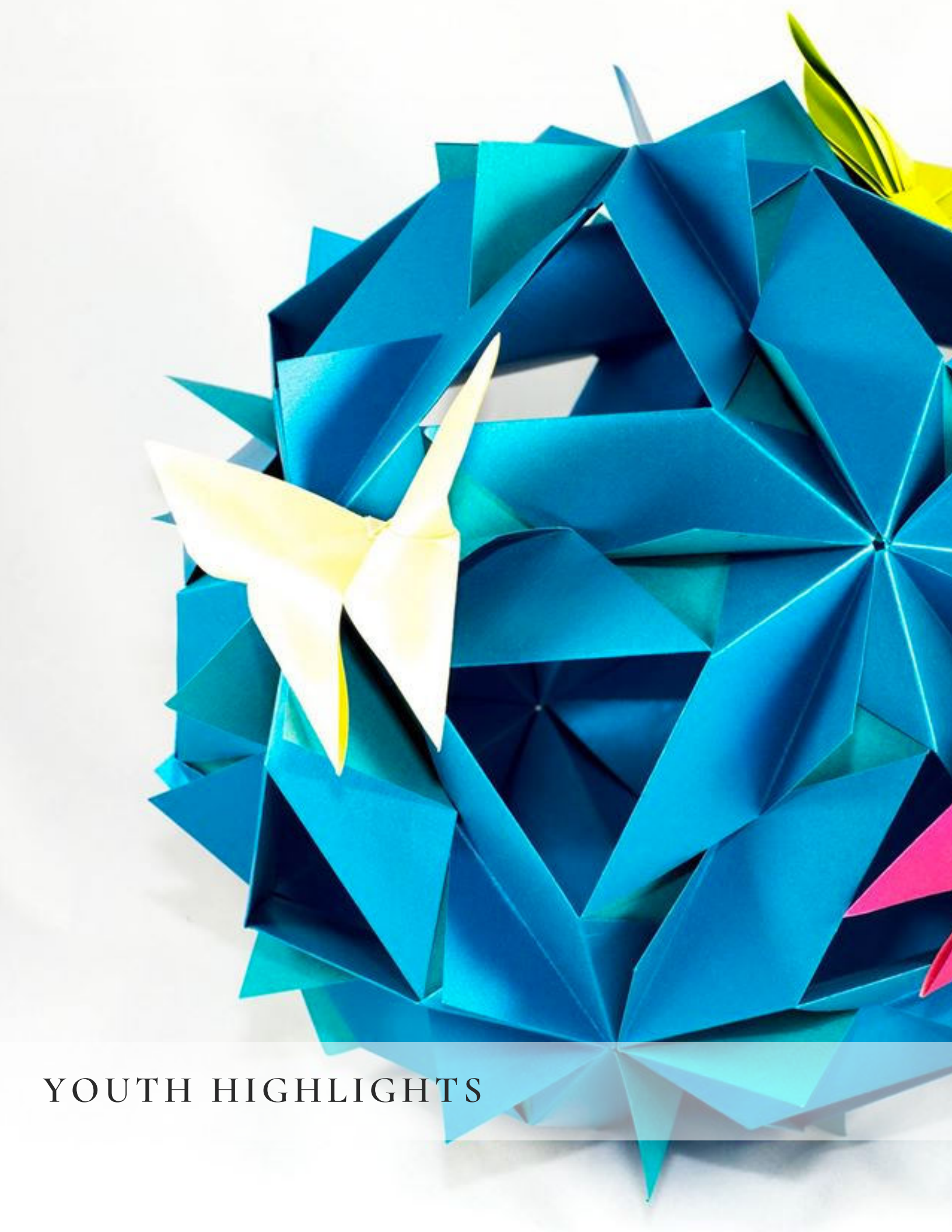
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YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

MONTHLY SATURDAY FOLDING EVENTS

Paper for Water's monthly folding events are made possible by the hundreds of youth volunteers who donate their time and energy to both learn and teach the art of origami. A special thank you to Tuttle Publishing for donating origami paper for these events.



NAVAJO NATION MISSION TRIP



JULY 2019: Eight youth volunteers from Paper for Water traveled to the Navajo Nation and volunteered with DigDeep, St. Bonaventure Indian Mission, and the Navajo Mission Project. Over the seven day trip, the volunteers organized donated clothes and packaged food, toiletries, blankets, educational materials, and Bibles. They delivered these supplies along with water to families on the reservation. This volunteer opportunity provides young people with exposure to poverty and social issues many will never otherwise experience. Lack of clean water access is a serious issue in the United States, invisible to most. One in three Navajo live without running water. Paper for Water aims to change this statistic and will continue to provide assistance to the Navajo Nation for years to come.



[The Gift of Water \(Video\)](#)
[Navajo Volunteer Trip \(Video\)](#)

PHILANTHROPY SUMMER CAMP



JULY 2019: Paper for Water hosted a three-day summer camp on art, water science, and philanthropy. The camp was attended by fifteen campers between the ages of eight and twelve. As they carried pails of water and were taught how to filter water, the campers learned about Paper for Water's mission to increase clean water access and sanitation to people around the world. Campers also mastered several origami designs, gaining an appreciation for the art of origami. Students enjoyed learning about philanthropy from university professor, Bob Hopkins, and water science from Dr. Kenneth Adams. The camp finale, an art exhibition, showcased camper creations. This camp was made possible with the support of Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas and The Heart of Neiman Marcus Foundation.

[2019 Summer Camp \(Video\)](#)

NEXXGEN EPISODE



[NEXXGEN Episode \(Video\)](#)

MAY 2019: Paper for Water was featured on an episode of NexxGen which was shown in schools all over the United States through the online education platform, Edmodo. The episode discussed the story and history of Paper for Water and encouraged viewers to use their personal power to make a positive difference in the world. The episode has been viewed by over six million students in classrooms across the United States.

A SERVER'S JOURNEY INTERVIEW



[Podcast Interview \(Audio\)](#)

SEPTEMBER 2019: Katherine Adams was interviewed on A Server's Journey podcast which features authors, community leaders, and influencers. Katherine spoke about the history of Paper for Water and our mission to increase clean water access and sanitation around the world.

ABOUT TOWNE INTERVIEW



[About Towne Interview \(Video\)](#)

DECEMBER 2019: Paper for Water was featured on About Towne, an art series highlighting artists and art organizations within the DFW community. Isabelle and Katherine Adams were interviewed by a fellow young adult, Alaina Oommen, at the Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas. Paper for Water volunteers brought the spirit of Christmas to the hotel lobby, decorating two 12 foot trees, filling glass pendants with festive origami, and hanging origami from golden branches suspended from the ceiling.

PAPER FOR WATER FEATURED ON CNN



DECEMBER 2019: Paper for Water was featured on CNN's Impact Your World, a special report highlighting people who are changing the world for good. The report focused on Paper for Water's impact and emphasized the importance of youth involvement. As stated by Isabelle Adams during the interview, "Kids have an incredible ability to enact real change in the world if they're just given the chance... if people support them in their efforts, kids can really change the world."

[CNN Interview \(Article and Video\)](#)

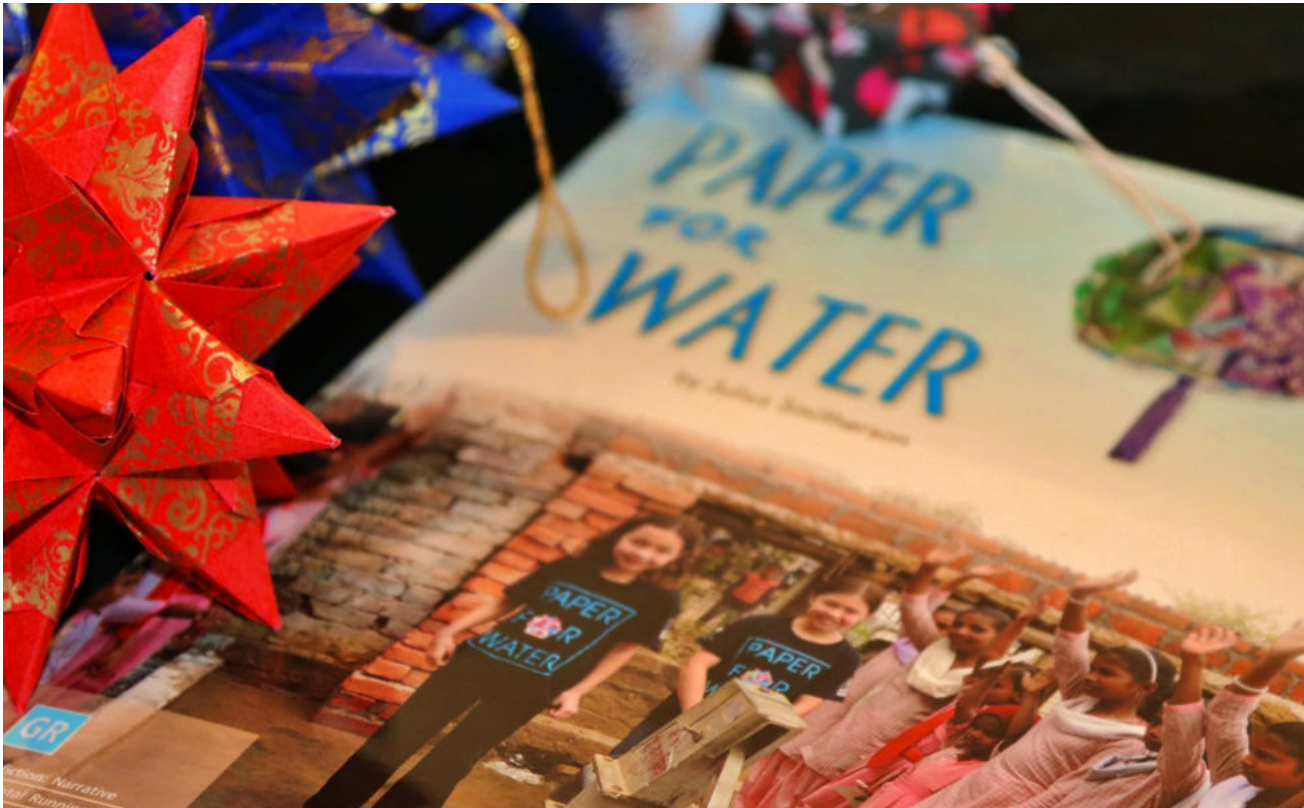
PAPER FOR WATER ON PLUGGED INTO DFW



DECEMBER 2019: Paper for Water's 2019 Youth Volunteer of the Year, Travis Nolan, was featured in a segment, Plugged into DFW, on the local CBS affiliate station to discuss Paper for Water. The six minute piece gave Travis the opportunity to elaborate on a variety of topics related to Paper for Water, including the detailed process involved in creating the origami holiday ornaments.

[Plugged Into DFW Segment \(Video\)](#)

PAPER FOR WATER ELEMENTARY READER



JANUARY 2020: At the beginning of 2020, an elementary reader about Paper for Water was published and made available to schools in the United States. One million copies were published and will be utilized as reading curriculum. Paper for Water hopes it will educate students about the world water crisis and inspire them to change the world.

CLEAR THE TABLE PODCAST



FEBRUARY 2020: Isabelle and Katherine Adams were featured on the Clear the Table podcast by Northway Christian Church. During the episode, Isabelle and Katherine discussed their entrepreneurial efforts and explained the many challenges of the world water crisis.

"A lot of kids are underestimated and I feel like we have a lot of significance and a lot of power to change things that we want to change about the world."

- Katherine Adams

[Podcast Episode \(Audio\)](#)



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

CHANGE MAKERS COUNCIL



Change Makers are a group of thirteen talented and motivated youth volunteers that have joined Paper for Water to contribute to the mission of bringing safe water to the Thirsty. Their commitment has been instrumental to Paper for Water's success.

Together, they not only participate in Paper for Water's events, but also collaborate to bring new ideas and energy to Paper for Water.

Most recently, Change Makers have volunteered at origami folding events and craft fairs and during North Texas Giving Day, Christmas Tree Projects, and Paper for Water's Philanthropy Summer Camp. Despite the recent challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Change Makers have continued to work together virtually.



YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

TRAVIS NOLAN

"Paper for Water gives me the unique opportunity to use my talent of origami to help others in a meaningful way. Paper for Water has helped me access the resources and credibility I need to make a difference."



Paper for Water's Youth Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019 was presented to high school senior, Travis Nolan. Travis joined Paper for Water in 2018 and was an inaugural Change Maker member. He volunteered more than 250 hours in 2019 and lead an initiative with his high school that raised over \$20,000. He has practiced origami for ten years and through Paper for Water has discovered a way to use his passion for this art form to help others.

Travis is a founding member of the Cistercian Paper for Water Club, a student club supporting the mission of Paper for Water at Cistercian Preparatory School in Irving, Texas. In 2019, the club took on the challenge, known as Well Done 2020, to raise enough money to fund a water project for St. Michael's Muluwa Secondary School in Kenya.

In 2019, Travis also organized and publicized Paper for Water's first international origami competition, The Bug Battle Contest.

[The Bug Battle Contest \(Video\)](#)

[Well Done 2020 Well Report](#)

SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



Currently, four schools in Texas and Oklahoma have student clubs that support Paper for Water: Cistercian Preparatory School, Ursuline Academy Of Dallas, Heritage Hall School, and Highland Park High School. These student clubs have raised significant funds for Paper for Water. School clubs participate in a variety of activities including speaking engagements, fundraisers, and origami demonstrations at public and private events.

Additionally, they create social media and YouTube content to raise awareness of the world water crisis. School clubs spread Paper for Water's mission to the community by speaking to nonprofits, businesses, schools, rotary clubs, youth groups, and nursing homes.



EAST HEIGHTS UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Throughout 2019, Paper for Water has collaborated with members of the Children's Ministry of East Heights United Methodist Church. Their Director of Children's Ministry encouraged members of the youth ministry to learn how to create and assemble origami ornaments. They not only learned the art of origami, but also raised several hundred dollars in support of Paper for Water's mission.



NCL AND YMSL GROUPS

Paper for Water receives volunteer support from several National Charity League chapters and a chapter of the Young Men's Service League: NCL Mockingbird, NCL Frisco, NCL Lakewood, NCL Trinity Christian Academy and the YMSL Lonestar chapter. These youth organizations have volunteered at Paper for Water events and activities and continue to spread Paper for Water's mission to the community and beyond.



JESSICA AND THE ART HONOR SOCIETY

During the fall of 2019, a young woman in New York was inspired to partner with Paper for Water by organizing origami workshops through her high school art honor society. Jessica not only taught the origami designs, but she also educated her peers about the world water crisis. Jessica and her classmates donated their origami to Paper for Water.

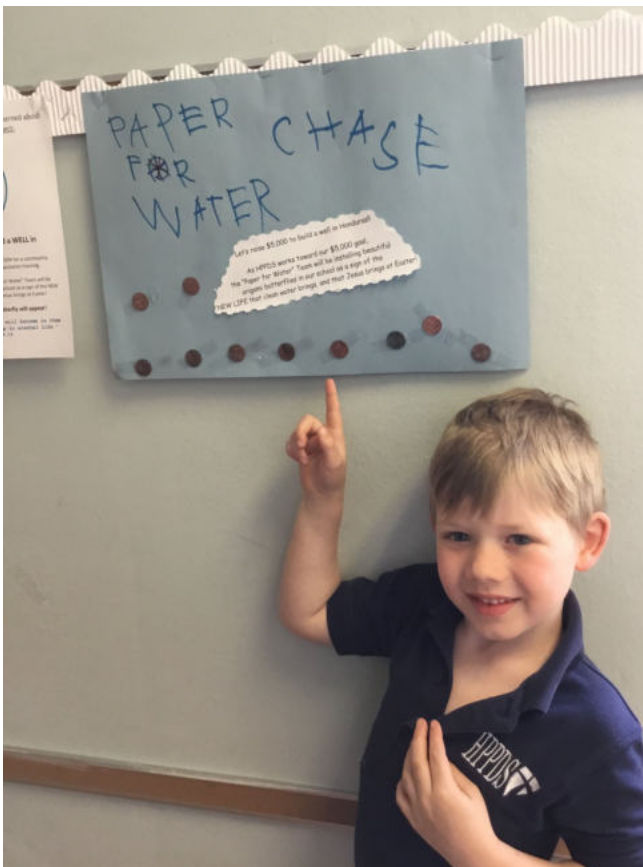


LAKWOOD BROWNIES



JANUARY 2019: In 2019, Paper for Water set a goal to reach 1,000 subscribers on our official Paper for Water YouTube channel. The Lakewood Brownies stepped up to help Paper for Water with this goal. With every sale of Girl Scout cookies, the Brownies included an origami butterfly and instructions on how to subscribe to Paper for Water's YouTube channel.

HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL



MARCH 2019: Educators at the Highland Park Presbyterian Day School have devoted time and energy to teach students about the world water crisis. Their PE teacher taught students how to balance water jugs on their heads while their librarian read to students a children's book that discussed water crisis. Students also learned to value and appreciate clean water and sanitation access.

Highland Park Presbyterian Day School set a goal to raise \$5,000 to support a community well in Honduras. With every \$100 raised, the school hung an origami butterfly in the school's entrance which served as a beautiful encouragement to the school's community.

[Presbyterian Day School Report](#)

THE HOCKADAY SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE



JANUARY 2020: The Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas, a college preparatory day and boarding school for girls partnered with Paper for Water for their Annual Day of Service. The entire student body participated in the day's activities including walking while carrying pails of water, illustrating the daily reality that millions face in order to retrieve water.

Students from The Hockaday School fundraised for Paper for Water by selling hair ties which had the number of people in the world without clean water access (844 million) written on them. The fundraiser raised over \$4,000 for a school in Kenya.

BBYO LEADS DAY



FEBRUARY 2020: Paper for Water was invited by BBYO, a nonprofit Jewish teen movement, to speak at their 2020 annual convention in Dallas. Volunteers from Paper for Water shared our mission with nearly 100 youth during BBYO Leads Day.



YOUTH-LED ACTIVITIES

LUNAR NEW YEAR AT WATTERS CREEK



FEBRUARY 2019: Watters Creek Mall in Allen, Texas, invited Paper for Water to participate in their Lunar New Year's celebration. Travis Nolan, along with members of the Cistercian Paper for Water club shared our mission and taught over 100 people how to fold an origami design of a pig.

WEST ELM POP-UP EVENT



MARCH 2019: In honor and celebration of International Women's Day, Paper for Water was invited to participate in a pop-up event at West Elm at Mockingbird Station. This was another event that was guided by Travis Nolan and assisted by the Adroit Origami club, an origami club founded by Travis.

TORY BURCH FOUNDATION

MARCH 2019: Isabelle and Katherine Adams participated in an inspiring, week-long event hosted by the Tory Burch Foundation. As part of this event, the Tory Burch Foundation hosted intimate gatherings with female leaders in hopes of challenging unconscious bias, shattering stereotypes, and empowering women. Isabelle and Katherine shared their story and Paper for Water's mission. They were interviewed by Mahisha Dellinger, CEO of Curls, a natural hair care brand.

[Isabelle's Speech \(Video\)](#)

[Interview with Katherine and Isabelle \(Video\)](#)



FAMILY DAY AT THE DMA

MAY 2019: The Dallas Museum of Art made a generous donation to Paper for Water in exchange for an afternoon origami folding session for families. This was a well attended event and our volunteers helped people of all ages create origami and learn about Paper for Water. A special thank you to the Cistercian Paper for Water school club for leading this event.



PAPER FOR WATER AT EARTH X



JUNE 2019: Paper for Water participated in EarthX, a three-day environmental festival and educational conference. Isabelle and Katherine Adams participated in several interviews, including an interview with author, Mark Victor Hansen, and Betsy Rosenberg, environmental advocate. During the Awards Ceremony, Trinity Adams recited a poem about the importance of water. Throughout all three days, Paper for Water's volunteers shared our mission and origami with new people. We are grateful to Clampitt Paper for sponsoring our EarthX booth for the past two years.

[Interview with Betsy Rosenberg \(Video\)](#)

[Interview with Mark Victor Hansen \(Video\)](#)

[Cub Reporters with Paper for Water \(Video\)](#)

NEIMAN MARCUS FOLDING EVENT

JUNE 2019: Neiman Marcus employees volunteered their time to fold ornaments for Paper for Water's 2019 Christmas Tree Project. These beautiful ornaments adorned a special tree for Vogel Alcove, a daycare center for homeless children which did not have a Christmas tree. We believe every child should have a tree during the Christmas season. The children were filled with joy, smiles, and delight at seeing a large, beautifully trimmed tree that is now their own to use year after year. We are grateful to The Heart of Neiman Marcus Foundation for sponsoring the Vogel Alcove tree and for the many ways they support Paper for Water and our mission to transform lives with clean water.



US VENTURE, INC AND U.S. AUTOFORCE



JULY 2019: Paper for Water hosted a special volunteer folding event with US Venture Inc's U.S. AutoForce team in Houston, Texas. A large number of employees and family members attended a presentation and learned how to fold origami with Isabelle and Katherine Adams. US Venture, Inc and U.S. AutoForce are dedicated supporters of Paper For Water and their grant allows Paper for Water to continue to grow our youth leadership programs.

CONTI INVESTOR FORUM



JULY 2019: Volunteers from the Change Maker's Council, Travis Nolan and Michael Roddy, presented Paper for Water's mission and program updates during a forum for CONTI investors. CONTI has been a dedicated supporter and has impacted several communities through their generous support of clean water projects.

[Investor Forum \(Video\)](#)

SUMMER FOLDING EVENTS

Paper for Water is grateful for the support of our youth volunteers who assist at folding events for various nonprofits, churches, and during our monthly volunteer training and corporate team building events. These dedicated volunteers help create origami needed to support our work and spread the Paper for Water mission.

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EO XCENTRIC PRESENTATION



SEPTEMBER 2019: Paper for Water was one of the 550 entrepreneurs at EO XCentric in Dallas, Texas. Our co-CEO's, Isabelle and Katherine Adams, gave a 20-minute presentation and reminded influential leaders that young people are capable of changing the world and making a significant impact.

[EO XCentric Presentation \(Video\)](#)

TEXAS DISCOVERY GARDENS



OCTOBER 2019: Paper for Water participated in the Texas Discovery Gardens' Monarch Festival at the Texas State Fair. With the guidance of our youth volunteers, guests folded and embellished their own origami Monarch butterflies. The museum hosted our first ever, origami bug contest. The impressive and highly detailed bugs were on display during the Texas State Fair through the end of November.

ALCUIN SCHOOL TEACHER WORKSHOP



DECEMBER 2019: Ten-year-old volunteer, Trinity Adams, visited teachers at the Alcuin School, a private school in Dallas, Texas, to lead an origami workshop. Trinity is available for workshops and presentations, proving that you are never too young to change the world.

WEDDING PLANNER CHRISTMAS PARTY



DECEMBER 2019: Paper for Water's Change Maker, Emma Sinasac, and Board Member, Anne Sinasac, represented us at the annual celebration for the American Association of Certified Wedding Planners. Paper for Water creates beautiful and creative centerpieces and decorations for special events and weddings.

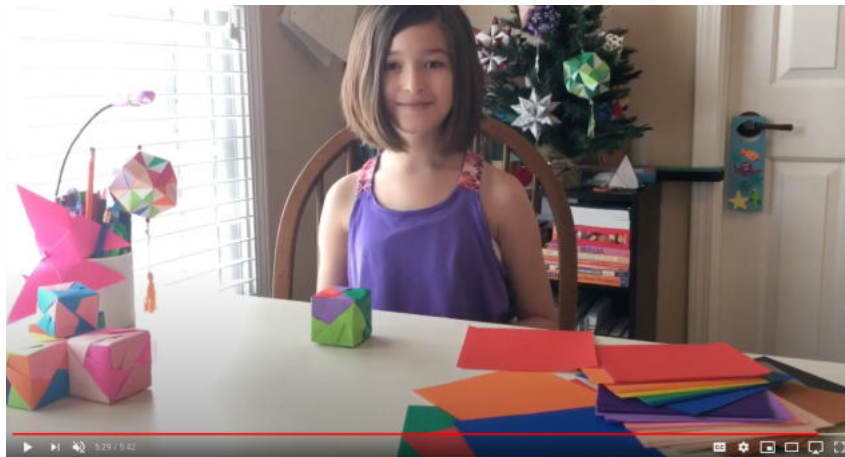
EARTHXYOUTH CONFERENCE



APRIL 2020: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Paper for Water virtually participated in EarthX 2020. Isabelle and Katherine Adams led a live virtual workshop during the EarthX Youth Conference. They educated participants about the environmental impact of water usage, discussed the lack of clean water and sanitation in communities around the world, and showed attendees how to fold origami.

[Earth X Workshop \(Video\)](#)

30 DAY ORIGAMI CHALLENGE



APRIL 2020: The pandemic forced the majority of the world to stay home during the month of April to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Change Makers created a 30-Day Origami Challenge to provide an opportunity to learn origami during quarantine. New videos were posted on Paper for Water's YouTube channel throughout April, featuring youth volunteers teaching a variety of origami designs. We received many comments that these videos were helpful in providing a creative outlet for kids across the nation and even around the world.

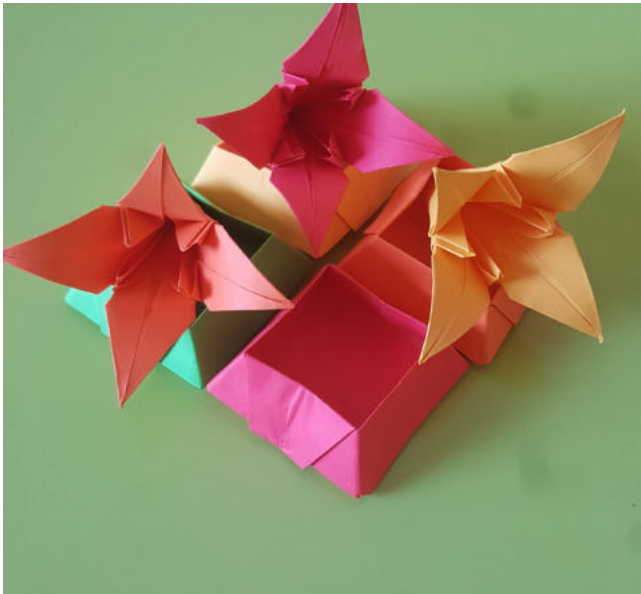
[Paper for Water's YouTube Channel](#)
[30 Day Origami Challenge Playlist](#)

MOTHER'S DAY WORKSHOP

MAY 2020: In celebration of Mother's Day, Paper for Water partnered with EarthX to host a Mother's Day celebration. During this virtual workshop, Isabelle and Katherine Adams taught several Mother's Day themed designs. In addition to folding origami, they educated viewers on the importance of caring for our mothers and Mother Earth.

[Mother's Day Workshop \(Video\)](#)

ORIGAMI CHALLENGE REACHES CYPRUS



"My original purpose had been to get them motivated to look around and see both boys and girls of their age becoming heroes, doing things beyond themselves to help others. That's when I came across Paper for Water. My students were surprised and amazed by your work!"

APRIL 2020: Paper for Water's 30-Day Origami Challenge caught the attention of Irene Hadjivasili, an elementary teacher in Cyprus, an island country in the Eastern Mediterranean. Irene used the YouTube videos from the 30-Day Origami Challenge to engage her students virtually since their school was closed due to COVID-19.

Highlighting Paper for Water as an example, Irene taught her students that young people have the power to positively impact the world and make a difference.





2019 AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

EY YOUTH SOCIAL INNOVATION AWARD



Ernst & Young presented Isabelle, Katherine, and Trinity Adams with the 2019 Youth Social Innovation Award. The award was accepted at the prestigious EY Southwest Entrepreneur of the Year Awards banquet held at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

FLORENCE TEMKO AWARD



Paper for Water was the recipient of the Florence Temko Award presented by Origami USA at the Pacific Coast Origami Convention in Portland, Oregon. This award honors an individual or group whose innovations have moved origami in a new direction or is using origami or origami principles in an innovative way.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HONOR MEDAL



Paper for Water was the recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation. The Freedoms Foundation is a national, non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian educational organization. The George Washington Honor Medal is awarded to a group or an individual whose work achieves societal good in the community.

PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is a civil award that recognizes dedicated volunteers across the country who commit significant time and energy to support organizations within their community. In 2019, Paper for Water was honored to recognize eight youth volunteers with the Presidential Service Award. Several volunteers achieved the gold level in their age category.

[Award Ceremony \(Video\)](#)

[Travis Nolan Presentation \(Video\)](#)

PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Gold, Young Adult Age Group.....	Travis Nolan: 255.5 Hours
Bronze, Young Adult Age Group.....	Cathryn Wisley: 140.75 Hours
Gold, Teen Age Group.....	Isabelle Adams: 860 Hours
Gold, Teen Age Group.....	Katherine Adams: 660 Hours
Bronze, Teen Age Group.....	Charlie Davis: 54 Hours
Silver, Teen Age Group.....	Andrew Wisley: 91.5 Hours
Bronze, Teens Age Group.....	Ace Wilburn: 50 Hours
Gold, Kid Age Group.....	William Braskamp: 116 Hours



COVID-19 AND YOUTH IMPACT

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The need for clean water and sanitation has been accelerated by the global pandemic of COVID-19. Due to COVID-19, communities without clean or running water access have become more vulnerable to infection. Paper for Water has continued activities virtually and we are committed to funding water projects, educating the public about the global water crisis, developing youth volunteer leaders, and teaching the art of origami.

Our youth volunteers and supporters are at the center of our response to COVID-19 as they continue to fundraise and share Paper for Water's mission to the public.



PAPER FOR WATER'S COVID-19 RESPONSE



WATER ACCESS: As of June 2020, the Navajo Nation has the highest per-capita rate of COVID-19 infections within the United States. Paper for Water has funded the provision of 275-gallon refillable water tanks, an emergency stop-gap measure, to over forty families in the Navajo Nation without running water.

SANITATION AND HYGIENE ACCESS: Paper for Water has funded five new bathrooms and handwashing stations at schools in Zambia and Haiti. These stations are critical to the prevention of COVID-19 infection.

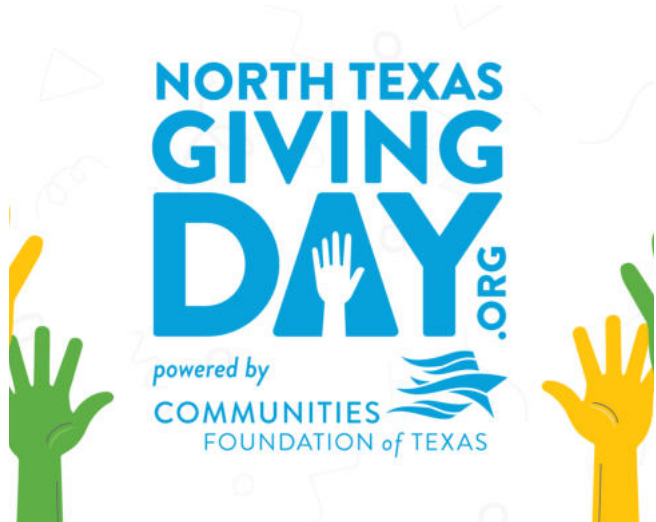
PAPER FOR WATER'S FIRST VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER



MARCH 2020: Coinciding with the start of COVID-19 related social distancing measures, Paper for Water participated in our first virtual fundraising event. Paper for Water supporters, Kobin King and David Hudgens, hosted a Tulip Party themed fundraiser and were instrumental to the fundraiser's success. The generous Tulip Party donors funded a clean water well in Guatemala and helped fund the installation of a handwashing station and latrine at a school in Zambia. The Tulip Party raised a total of \$6,100, demonstrating that virtual fundraisers can be a fun and successful way to raise funds and bring clean water and sanitation to communities in need. We are grateful to The Container Store and Tuttle Publishing for providing Paper for Water with items needed to create a beautiful display and origami paper for the virtual folding portion of the fundraiser.



NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY NOW



MAY 2020: North Texas Giving Day NOW was created in response to the unprecedented increase in needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the 24-hour fundraiser, the Change Makers each hosted a virtual fundraiser. With their support, Paper for Water raised over \$8,000 during North Texas Giving Day NOW.

STUDENT CLUB DRIVE-BY FUNDRAISER



MAY 2020: The Highland Park Paper for Water club hosted a drive-thru fundraiser to help raise funds for a handwashing station and bathroom for students at a school in Zambia. The fundraiser allowed the student club to maintain distance with the community and raise funds for Paper for Water. They successfully raised almost \$1,000 and brought us one step closer to providing vital sanitation to students.

THANK YOU

Since 2011, Paper for Water has raised over two million dollars and has funded more than 200 water projects around the world. Our mission, to bring water and the Word to the Thirsty is only possible with the help and support of our dedicated, talented and committed volunteers and the donors. Thank you!



WAYS TO HELP



VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER: By hosting a virtual fundraiser, you can help us give clean water access and build sanitation projects around the world which give people the ability to keep their hands clean and avoid exposure to serious illnesses - like COVID-19.

PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL EVENT: Due to COVID-19, we will celebrate our 9 year anniversary a little differently this year. We are looking for event sponsors and party hosts willing to plan a small gathering of people or a virtual event to celebrate the impact Paper for Water has made and invite others to join our efforts in order to reach more communities with clean water and sanitation.

FOLLOW PAPER FOR WATER ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Paper for Water is active on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Your support, by subscribing, watching, and sharing our online content allows us to share our mission to a larger audience.

GIFT WRAPPING FOR GOOD: We are looking for clubs, youth groups, and other organizations that would be willing to host a gift wrapping event in December, 2020. During the Christmas season, this gift wrapping event would provide curbside drop off and pick up for gifts needing to be wrapped beautifully and adorned with ribbon and origami. The supplies needed for the gift wrapping event can be collected by hosting a supply drive earlier in the year. We encourage volunteers to invite their community to participate in a supply drive and curbside wrapping event.

QUESTIONS? For more details, please contact our Interim VP of Operations and Chief Advocate, Rebecca Reyes at becca@paperforwater.org

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