



## Success Stories:

### Making a difference through Advocacy, Fundraising and Awareness

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#### **Fundraising: Queen of Peace Parish in Sammamish, WA raised funds for CRS Ghana**

Barb Luxenberg, parish ambassador at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish (MQP) in Sammamish, WA reports the parish has raised over \$30,000 this year for [CRS Ghana](#) to put in wells in waterless villages, medical centers, and schools. That's enough for at least four wells, Barb said. The church works with [Water Access Now](#), a local organization whose mission is "to bring sustainable water to villages in Ghana with the most urgent need." WAN contracts with CRS to build the wells. Water Access Now has just installed its 100<sup>th</sup> well. Totaling the donations over the last 10 years, Barb said that about one quarter of the wells built were made possible by donations made by the MQP community. About 10 years ago, the parish began setting aside funds for supporting clean water initiatives, but soon realized an annual fundraiser made more sense. Now, parishioners have come to expect the fundraiser each summer. The parish also has a [sister parish](#) in Ghana, so parishioners who have visited as part of that partnership are also able to share stories and pictures of their experience when they return. On the last two visits, Barb said, the sister parish team has been able to travel to a village to see a well that has been funded through their donations.

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