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Media Release

Brown Middle School Students Help Earn \$50,000 for Charity

Their video helped earn the Thirst Project \$50,000 to build freshwater wells in Africa

January 31, 2014, Hillsboro, OR – Students at R.A. Brown Middle School learned that a video they created in support of the Thirst Project helped earn the charity \$50,000 for their work in providing safe, clean drinking water to communities in Uganda and Kenya.

Leadership students, under the direction of their teacher Jeremy Corwin, created the video in December and submitted it to the Project for Awesome. The Project for Awesome encourages people to submit videos in support of their favorite charities. In turn, they promote the videos and solicit donations. Videos receive votes, and the charities featured in the top ten videos split the money that has been raised.

During a school assembly on Thursday, January 23, Thirst Project founder Seth Maxwell announced that his charity had been awarded \$50,000 thanks to the student's video. According to the charity's website, a freshwater well can be built for \$7,800 in Uganda or \$20,000 in Kenya, so the money earned by the students will have a significant positive impact.

Students at both Brown and Evergreen Middle Schools are working together to continue supporting the Thirst Project throughout the remainder of the school year.

For more information/contact:

The Thirst Project: www.thirstproject.org

Project for Awesome: www.projectforawesome.com

Student-created video: www.youtube.com/mrjcorwin

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