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## Avon student raising funds for water well in Africa

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Rose Bora's mother's water well.

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People don't think twice when they take a sip out of their water bottle or keep the sink on while brushing their teeth because for them, access to water is a given, and they don't have to worry about their access to one of the most important necessities for survival in the world. Water is 

one of the most overlooked fundamental resources in populations that have easy access to it, but for those who lack a consistent water source, their life is in the hands of nature. However, Africa is one of the leading countries whose people suffer and die from dehydration or water related diseases. 842,000 people die annually due to water contamination and a little less than half of them are children under the age of 5. In addition to the unmeasurable deaths contaminated water causes, these destitute children must sacrifice their days walking miles in order to retrieve a bucket of muddy water, taking away any opportunities to obtain a decent education.

Water wells help fight this cause as they are built and maintained in locations closer to families allowing for practical access and, for children, more time in school.

Rose Bora, a junior at Avon High School, was inspired to begin the 'Just a Drop Water Well' project after her volunteer trip to Africa last summer was cancelled due to COVID-19. She was determined to help in some way and decided to start a project. When looking at her options, the water well project really stood out for her as her mother had previously built a well several years ago.

She is currently organizing a fundraising campaign at the high school, with assistance from Michael Moysenko, choir director at the Avon High School. The week of March 8 has been allocated in March to run a gift card ticket raffle at the school during lunch periods for those making donations. Bora has also been going to local businesses asking for gift card donations to raffle. Multiple boosters and clubs are also aiding in spreading the word. A Dine To Donate fundraiser is also scheduled at Chipotle in Avon March 10 from 4-8 p.m.

Bora is an already busy 17-year-old. She is treasurer of the Avon High School Drama Club, plays the cello, serves as a youth group counselor and tutors foster children. Her goal after high school is to become a pediatric eye surgeon.

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