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Clean Water Access helps local resident return to Ethiopia

Clean Water Access is giving a local Ethiopian man a chance to return back to his home country. Dawit Asfeha will travel in May with Clean Water Access to help build a well in Ethiopia.

nonprofit organizations around the New York City area that provide aid to African countries. This is the first time Asfeha has been involved with Clean Water Access.

Dawit Asfeha, an Information Systems Manager at Ernst & Young, moved from Ethiopia to the United States with his parents as a young child in the early 1980s. This will be the first time Asfeha has returned to Ethiopia since he came to the United States.

“I take pride in being from Ethiopia and try to give as much as I can to my home country,” Asfeha said. “I thank Clean Water Access for giving me this opportunity to return to my country and help provide for those in need.”

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Clean Water Access will use donations from an event in February to build wells in Asfeha’s home country of Ethiopia. Asfeha, a graduate from Syracuse University, has been involved with several

Asfeha will return to New York in July to speak at Take a Dive, Build a Well. Clean Water Access and Michael Phelps are hosting the swim event. Donations raised will be used to help build wells in Ethiopia.



Michael Phelps hosts Take a Dive, Build a Well swim Event

Clean Water Access will use the donations to build wells in Ethiopia

Michael Phelps is hosting Clean Water Access' Take a Dive, Build a Well swim event in New York City at 10 a.m. on July 21, 2012.

The event is a 1K swim across the East River and costs \$50 to participate. Swimmers will start at the Brooklyn Bridge Park and end on Dover Street in Manhattan. The money raised will be used to fund well building projects in Ethiopia.

After the swim, Michael Phelps will give a speech and

award the winners of the event.

"I am honored to host this event," Phelps said. "I think this is a great cause to support and I thank Clean Water Access for asking me to be a part of it.

Clean Water Access has built 100 wells in five countries since the organization started in 2010. Clean Water Access uses 85 percent of all donations to fund well building projects in Africa and Asia.



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Employee Profile

Meet Joe Blow

Joe Blow is the event director for Clean Water Access. Joe joined Clean Water Access in 2011, a year after the organization started. The events he has planned include Take a Dive, Build a Well and the New York City Well Run.

Joe has 25 years directing events all over the United States before he joined Clean Water Access. He graduated from Boston University in 1985 with a degree in business management. Joe and his family

moved to New York City six years ago. Before moving to New York City, he lived in Boston, Los Angeles and Houston.

Outside of work, Joe likes to spend time with his family. His hobbies include fishing and riding his bike. Joe bought a boat in 2008 and spends two weeks in the summer sailing around the east coast with his family. Joe has been married for 18 years. He has two girls, Nia and Chaley.



Clean Water Access Company Profile

Clean Water Access is a nonprofit organization in New York City that builds wells for millions of people who do not have access to clean water. The donations are used to fund projects in African and Asian countries.

Current locations and projects:

Africa:
Ethiopia: 20 wells
Kenya: 50 wells
Uganda: 15 wells
Zimbabwe: 10 wells

Asia:
Bangladesh: 5 wells

Future Projects:

India
Cambodia
Zambia
Angola

2012 donation goal:

\$5,000,000

Donations raised as of this month:

\$1,455,780

