

## Ryan's Story.

It began in January 1998 in Canada when a first grade student named Ryan Hreljac was taught by his teacher that there were quite a number of sick people in Africa of all ages. Now Ryan, at the age of 6, decided to raise money for a well for the African community. He was about to donate the 70\$ that he had collected when he learned that it will cost \$2000 to build a well in Africa. He simply said "I will just do more chores at home." That's what he did. Then his story was covered by the media and a lot of people starting sending money for his well. He was then asked by the NGO building wells in Africa to decide where to place the well. Ryan decided to place it near a school. Later, after the well was finished, he and his family were invited to go to Uganda to see the changes thanks to Ryan. As they arrived they saw at least 5000 people cheering for Ryan on the way to school. He was asked to say something during this ceremony that was held. He simply said that he is a normal 6 year old boy. To be honest, he was right. Ryan was simply a Canadian boy who loved basketball, hockey and playing with his friends. Today, Ryan has set up the *Ryan's Well Foundation*. He has raised and donated about \$2,000,000. Many say that Ryan deserves all the credit for his determination. But really, some of this credit must go to his teacher for it was her who inspired Ryan for what he has done and his parents for supporting him.

So, the lesson here is that something which looks impossible is relatively possible, but you just need that special determination. And if you ever need some and just can't find it, remember what 6 year old Ryan did.

