

Gladstone Public School
Cornwall, ON

Gladstone students raise funds for well

CORNWALL — Students at Gladstone Public School have helped fund their second well in India thanks to a partnership between the school and the international aid agency SOPAR.

Donations raised by the school through fundraisers over the past three years have raised \$2,500 which will fund a total of

three such projects in India. The initiative was started by the class of Grade 5 teacher Alok Bhatta.

The most recent project is a well in Vadala, India which was paid for by Gladstone students and now bears a plaque with the school's name. The well is used daily by more than 150 people and will prevent sickness by pro-

viding clean water and improving hygiene in the village.

Gladstone Vice-Principal Joe Harry said students are thrilled by the installation, which allows them to see real results from their fundraising and teaches them important life lessons.

"We're using real-life events to try to broaden our students' per-

spective on the world beyond the boundaries of Cornwall," said Harry. "We're trying to give them an understanding that we all fit into a wider global village and these fundraisers also fit in with our Character Education program, teaching our students respect for others and empathy to meet the needs of others."

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