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Jefferson High School Choirs raise over \$7,000 in one weekend to support The Thirst Project

Jefferson High School choirs provided a beautiful start to the holiday season with the gift of music over the weekend. But they gave more than the gift of music as they raised more than \$7,000 over the weekend to donate to The Thirst Project.

Funds were raised as the choirs performed their annual Holiday Spectacular in three performances Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

Jeff Choirs is partnering with The Thirst Project (thirstproject.org) to help provide clean water to developing communities. Choreographer Damon Brown is the National Outreach coordinator for The Thirst Project. Jeff Choirs has committed to doing "Miracle Minutes" at all three Holiday Shows, Xtreme Competition, and all three Spring Shows. Last year, they raised \$12,000, the cost for a fully functional water well and installation, which will provide clean water for a community of people in Eswatini, Africa. This was the most any school in the United States had raised in one school year.

This year the goal is to build a second well — and even more to help other communities that are close to that \$12,000. This past weekend, JHS raised \$7,608.32, which is more money than any school in the United States in one single event. All funds raised go to the Thirst Project.

"Jeff Choirs, their students, boosters and community just led the biggest single show choir fundraising event in our history, and I have to celebrate the miracle they are bringing," said Brown. "A whopping 295 people get clean water for life because of a single event. Jefferson is over halfway towards sponsoring a second community in Eswatini this year. They are using show choir to change the world!"

Jefferson High School choirs comprises students in grades nine through 12 in six choirs: Accents, A Cappella, CSN, Expression, First Edition and Varsity Singers. They are under the direction of Charis Vander Plaats and John Satterfield.

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