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# NEWS

## One Million Liters and Counting!



CAROL STUTZMAN, WESTERN ALBEMARLE HIGH SCHOOL

**ChemClub students from Western Albemarle High School, Crozet, Va., show how to use a water purifier packet to purify dirty water.**

million liters of clean water for children in developing countries who would not have access to safe water otherwise.

How did they do it? Classes at **Sherwood High School** in Sandy Spring, Md., participated in a donation competition that resulted in a teacher being sent to the shower—the *chemical safety shower*, that is. Chem-Club advisor Michael Miehle had to take a dip!

The ChemClub from **Tanque Verde High School** in Tucson, Ariz., which was formed toward the end

of the campaign, collaborated with the Student Council to quickly raise money in just one week.

The ChemClub from **Katy High School** in Katy, Texas, decorated recycled bottles that were placed in each science teacher's classroom to collect coins. The class that raised the most money won a dry ice demo show.

**Newton Country Day** in Newton, Mass., sold periodic table cupcakes at an annual science fair.

To find out more about the amazing efforts of these and other ChemClubs **visit the blog at:** <http://acschemclubs.org/>

To honor and thank ChemClubs for their efforts, the ACS Education Division sent each participating club a certificate. Those coins really added up and made a difference!

—Erica K. Jacobsen

To help provide water to children in developing countries, the American Chemical Society (ACS) partnered with Procter & Gamble as part of an initiative called “**Coins for Cleaner Water**” to distribute water purifier packets. The packets, each of which costs 10 cents and treats 10 liters of water, are being distributed through a collaboration called the Children's Safe Drinking Water Program.

**More than 500 ACS ChemClubs were challenged to raise \$5,000 in five months to purchase enough packets to treat 500,000 liters of water. The result? More than \$10,000 was raised!** That's more than one



NEWTON COUNTRY DAY

**ChemClub students from Newton Country Day in Newton, Mass., purify dirty water with a water purifier packet.**

## Start an ACS ChemClub!

The **ACS ChemClub** program gives high school students a unique opportunity to experience chemistry beyond the classroom. Start a club in your school today! It is free to join the ACS ChemClub program. The ChemClub advisor and the students who join the club decide how the club operates. Learn more at: <http://www.acs.org/chemclub>  
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