Hello! I’m Brianna, a chemist at a drinking water facility in East Moline IL. I’m hiking Mount Kilimanjaro (ahem, in case you didn’t know, it is the highest mountain peak in Africa) to raise money for water and sanitation projects in Tanzania!

**Why Tanzania?**

- Africa is the fastest growing continent, with more than half of global population growth by 2050 occurring in Africa.¹
- Only 50 percent of Tanzania’s 53 million people have access to an improved source of safe drinking water.²
- Only 34% of Tanzania’s 53 million people have access to improved sanitation.²

I have been extremely interested in international water sustainability for quite some time now. I am also incredibly interested in understanding and helping women in the water industry, as there are very few of us. Anyone that knows me will tell you that I am a super curious cat! It was that curiosity that led to my current graduate research about women in water internationally. As a direct result of my research, I have been working with UN Water and UN Women representatives to connect with women in water internationally. I have been incredibly impressed by the work and commendations of one group, the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP). In fact, I was so impressed that I decided I had to do something...**BIG**... to support their mission! Afterall, what they do supports two of my biggest passions, clean water and sanitation services for all and women in water!!

**TGNP**

The Tanzanian Gender Networking Program (TGNP) is an overarching network of more than 600 groups focused on women and gender in Tanzania. They work closely with the United Nations and various groups throughout the world to improve several conditions within Tanzania. Water is one of their primary focus fields. You can learn more about TGNP at their website: [https://tgnp.org/where-we-work/water/](https://tgnp.org/where-we-work/water/). Facebook page: [https://m.facebook.com/tnmpmtandao/](https://m.facebook.com/tnmpmtandao/) and below.

**Water Priorities**

TGNP’s current water priority areas include:

- distance to water points (this puts young girls in harm’s way and time spent fetching water means less time for school and work),
- availability of water,
- managing and maintaining water supply,
- gender responsiveness in water budgeting, and
- women’s participation in water decision-making processes.

Rather than assuming I know which water projects are best-suited to receive the funds and distributing the monies directly to TGNP’s women in water groups, monies collected from this fundraiser will be disbursed directly to TGNP, who will disperse the funds directly to water projects.

Here is a closer look at a couple of TGNP’s women in water member groups that your donation will support:

**Tegemeo Womens Group**

Tegemeo Womens Group's mission is to support women to participate in decision making regarding access to and management of water in their community, to improve the health of people, to eliminate poverty, and to make the water supply sustainable and to be an example for other groups in rural areas.
Because Tegemeo Womens Group is in the Mweteni Village in a remote area of the Pare Mountains, they do not have a website or Facebook page. However, you can learn a little more about them at this webpage: https://www.womenforwater.org/twg-factsheet.html and there are several videos about their members and work available for your viewing at:

https://youtu.be/j2auEcHcKsU - Meet Eliza Mngale
https://youtu.be/1WpXwO7LP4I - Meet Esther 1
https://youtu.be/CCsQTPaq5JE - Meet Resti
https://youtu.be/NVnrGFOMJ1Y - Meet Esther 2

Gender Water Alliance

Gender and Water Alliance's (GWA) mission is "to promote women's and men's equitable access to and management of safe and adequate water, for domestic supply, sanitation, food security and environmental sustainability."

Website: http://genderandwater.org/en
Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/genderandwater.org/

100% of your donation supports:

- clean water and sanitation projects throughout Tanzania,
- Local employment and local economies—donations fund local projects designed and implemented by locals,
- Inclusion and diversity of women in water projects

Donations may be made May 28th—August 9th at https://www.isawwa.org/donations/

I will hike Mt. Kilimanjaro Sept. 1st-8th, and will meet with TGNP women in water Sept. 16th to interview them for my research.

Donations in any and all amounts are very much appreciated! But a little motivation really does go a long way! Feel free to cheer me on by donating an amount equal to one of the elevations indicated below!

- Lemosho Forest Camp (9,500 ft) = $95.00
- Shira One Camp (11,500 ft) = $115.00
- Lava Tower (15,190 ft) = $151.90
- Uhuru Peak (19,341 ft) = $193.41