



ANNUAL REPORT 2021





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

For the Water Well Trust, 2021 was a year of many accomplishments, several firsts, and tremendous growth in a multitude of ways! As you will find throughout this report, funding has increased to another record high, boosting the number of Americans that we can help gain access to a clean water supply.

This was made possible by a successful \$1 million grant awarded by USDA in 2020 and another \$1.4 million grant in 2021 to continue financing low interest loans to rural homeowners. This could not continue without the support of Water Systems Council members and private funders with their generous donations.

This past October marked our 10th year of fundraising at the Water Systems Council Fall Members' Meeting, which has generated \$1 million in contributions since its inception. As we plan for 2022, we are always reminded of the important work our small, but mighty team accomplishes every day and the importance of the work we do. We have included some of these warm stories to share with you as well.

MARGARET MARTENS

Executive Director, Water Well Trust



NEIGHBORS RALLY TO HELP TEXAS GARDENER

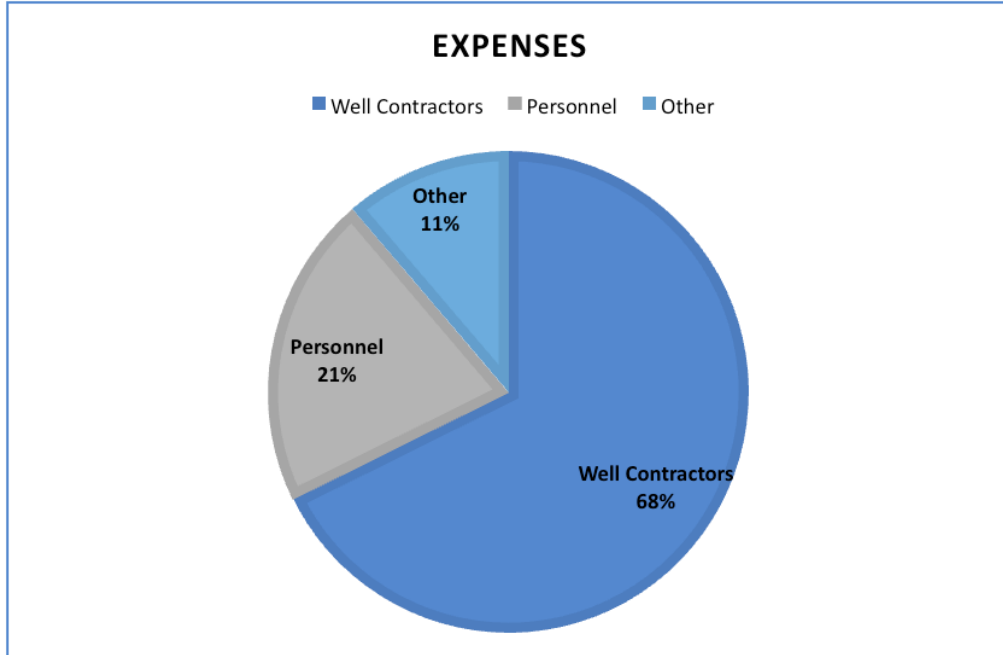
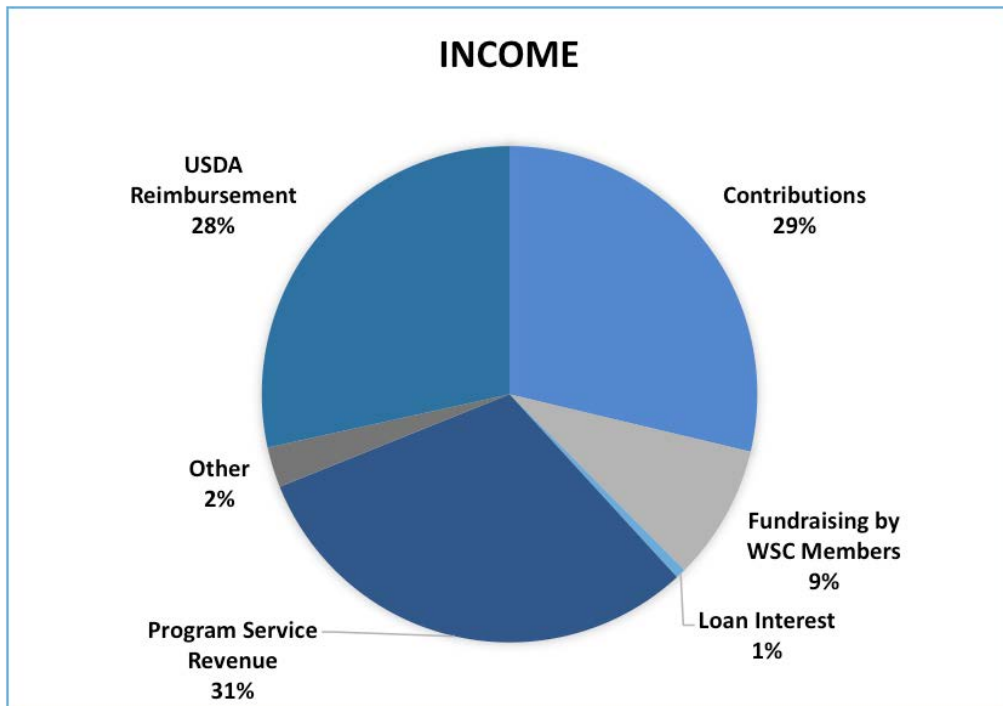
Raymond Cortez is a long time Texas resident who supports himself with a small plant Nursery at his home. Mr. Cortez was one of the many people deeply affected by the Texas winter storm in February 2020, losing his water well.

With no water supply, he lost his plants in the Nursery and struggled to manage living without water for his personal needs. Neighbors rallied around him to help haul water for him and the plants he had left. On top of that grueling task, neighbors also donated plants to help him get back on his feet.

Knowing hauling water for Mr. Cortez was not sustainable, a neighbor had reached out to the Water Well Trust to help gather information on what options were available to Mr. Cortez. Then his neighbors helped obtain estimates, gather proper documentation, and complete the application.

After a grueling 10 months living without water, Mr. Cortez received his new well at the beginning of December and could not be more thrilled with this life changing project that his caring neighbors helped to achieve!

BUDGET SNAPSHOT



An Independent Audit was conducted in April 2021 by Mitchell & Co., P.C. In their opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Water Well Trust, Inc. as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



HOMETOWN H2O PARTNERSHIP COMPLETES 5 WELL PROJECTS IN 2021

Hometown H2O was launched in late 2019 as a result of a partnership between retired NFL champion Chris Long's Waterboys initiative, Xylem Inc.'s Watermark, and the Water Well Trust.

This partnership completed five water well drilling projects in 2021. One of these projects was for a family of five in Virginia, which had a shallow well, typical of Virginia, with water that was "unclear and usually brown". The family was also concerned about "field runoff from pesticides from farming fields that surround our house," especially since they have three children under the age of five in the home.

The family had this to say about the project:

"Having access to clean water for my family has been the best blessing we could have asked for. Clean water free from chemicals and unsafe substances for my children to bathe and cook with takes away a huge daily stress. Before God blessed us with these wonderful people to help us get clear, clean water, we had to take note daily of if we had enough bottled water to do the daily necessities. If not, we had to purchase gallons of water to cook, drink, clean, and make ice. Having drinkable water has changed our lives in every aspect and we are eternally grateful!"

2021 OVERVIEW



CLIENTS SERVED

~~~~~ *An Overview* ~~~~~



• AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME  
**\$27,439**



|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Elderly  | 29  |
| Minors   | 381 |
| Disabled | 33  |
| Veterans | 11  |

Total Loans  
Given

86

Average Loan Financed

**\$8,746.53**



OVER

**\$1,064,656**

Revenue back into  
the INDUSTRY

**\$312,454**

Grants Awarded to Clients

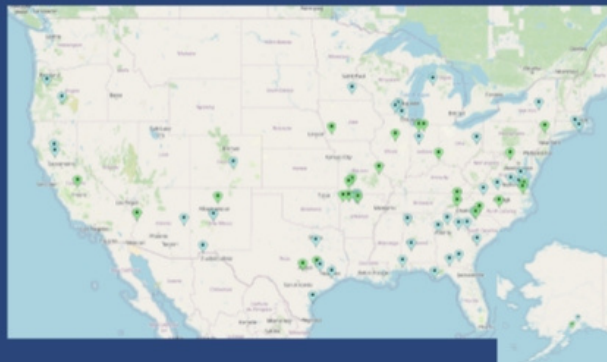


Projects Completed in

**27 States**

Most Projects

Arkansas &  
South Carolina







## DEAR WATER WELL TRUST:

"I am so grateful for your organization and the people who are the heart and soul of your organization. I now have a water well and I am so tickled about it. I am on disability, a low-income level which can be very challenging to survive at times. For 15 years, I have hauled water with my car using milk jugs at the spring. I couldn't lift the heavier jugs due to my small frame. My average haul was 27 gallons per visit twice a week. During periods of drought due to climate change, it could go up to 5 times or more per week. It was a 13-mile roundtrip commute, and it took three hours each load to complete.

Winters could be brutal; I had to put on waders and my hands would freeze. My process of obtaining water was very time consuming. I never realized how much water I used throughout the day for basic necessities. I can't even begin to tell you how relieved I am that I don't have to do it anymore. This has been instrumental in changing my life for the better. Thanks for providing this life changing service, this basic need that gives life: water. Without it, life does not exist."

Karen Bennett

## HOW DO CLIENTS FIND THE WATER WELL TRUST?



## 2021 FUNDERS, DONORS & PARTNERS

USDA \* 2M Company \* Adam Gast \* Amtrol Inc. \* A.O. Smith Water Systems \*  
Aquaflow Pump \* Austin Pump & Supply Co., Inc. \* Baker Water Systems \* Benson  
Pump \* Blake Equipment \* Boshart Group \* Boshart Industries \* Brent Anthony \*  
Capitol Solutions \* Chalmers Family Fund \* Chris Long Foundation \* Darrell Schuh \*  
Delores Barr Weaver Family Endowment Fund 1 \* Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund  
\* Drillers Service, Inc. \* ET Collinworth \* Flexcon Industries \* Flomatic Valves\*  
Franklin Electric Co., Inc. \* Gary & Marilyn Hix \* Georgia Association of  
Groundwater Professionals \* Gicon Pumps & Equipment \* Goulds Water Technology  
\* Grundfos \* Grundfos Foundation \* Headwater Companies \* Headwater Wholesale \*  
Hollis A. Mills \* J.J. Troccoli \* Josephine Williams \* Larry Huntsman \* Maass Midwest  
Manufacturing, Inc. \* Mark Heflin \* Mark Spaniel \* Mary Lincoln Johnson Trust \*  
Master Water Conditioning Corp. \* Mather Pump Services \* Merrill Manufacturing  
Co. \* Mike Giannantonio \* Milby Co. \* Mitchell Lewis & Staver \* Partridge Well  
Drilling Co., Inc. \* Pentair \* Robin Spaniel \* Ryan McClain \* South Carolina  
Groundwater Association \* TAM Marketing \* The BlackBaund Giving Fund \* The  
Community Foundation of NE Florida \* The Vinyl Institute \* Valley Farms Supply \*  
Webtrol \* Western Hydro \* Wholesale Pump and Supply, Inc. \* Woodford  
Manufacturing \* Xylem Inc. Watermark

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