Meet Bruno!

Bruno Estrada, Installation & Maintenance Manager, joined World Water Relief in January 2017. Originally from New York, Bruno spent over two years as a Health Communities Specialist along the Dominican-Haitian border with the Peace Corps. His work with WWR focuses on maintenance and management of projects in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

Bruno is a die-hard New York professional sports fan—Mets, Giants, Rangers, Knicks, and Red Bulls. If you have any friendly bets against any of those teams, let him know! Bruno is an economics major and received his degree from the State University of New York at Purchase College. He plans to attend graduate school to study sustainability.

Bruno believes the world should be seen from the eyes of the locals and that those who visit should leave a positive footprint or none at all. He thinks this transfers well into WWR’s work with sanitation education. "The greatest asset that our NGO family has is the ability to adapt, mold and change with the needs of our communities. Yes, we primarily begin working with potable water, which is a blessing, but I think that because we are smaller we have the flexibility to address other issues that are plaguing the communities. Providing clean water is just the start; we have the ability to inspire sustained behavioral change within marginalized communities."

Join us for our 8th Annual “Water is Life” fundraiser on July 29, 2017 at the Venulett Gallery in Atlanta, Georgia!

For information on sponsorships for the event or to contribute to the auction items listed, contact Christie Crane at christie.crane@worldwaterrelief.org.

***Tickets available soon on our website.

Get a glimpse of some of our live auction items for “Water is Life” --

- **Club Agua Competition/Fieldtrip**: WWR hygiene educators teach students about WASH (water, sanitation & hygiene) through an interactive curriculum. The club demonstrating the most knowledge wins a staff-led trip to a local beach. ($1000)

- **WWR T-shirts for Staff, Students and Volunteers**: 200 new shirts are needed. ($2400)

- **Santa Maria Community Hygiene Campaign (CHC)**: CHC members (parents of WWR students) educate community leaders about proper hygiene and sanitation practices. Support provides tools, educational materials, a community clean-up and more. ($2000)

- **Filtration System Replacement Parts and Filters**: WWR systems contain a sediment filter, carbon filter and a UV light requiring inspection and replacement to ensure proper and safe filtration. Purchasing a full year of parts improves efficiency crucial to consistent functioning. ($13,000)
With funding from Water Charities Fundraising, WWR started our newest initiative, to include parents in WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) education. A committee of 28 parents (two from each of our 14 program schools) was established in the Dominican Republic, adding a voice to the need for hygiene and sanitation improvements in the schools and communities that surround them.

Over the course of three months, the parents will:

- Attend 3 full-day WASH education workshops given by WWR staff
- Conduct baseline hygiene and sanitation censuses in their communities
- Work with WWR staff to distribute sanitation supplies and educational materials to identified vulnerable households within their communities
- Assist school director and staff in the enforcement of good hygiene and sanitation practices and conditions within their children’s school

Parents, as do their children, must understand the connection between poor hygiene practices and poor health. This is the ripple effect needed to understand, support and then make the positive, hygienic behavioral changes WWR is teaching to promote good health for all. Starting with the children, then to the parents, and then on to the communities... Thank you WCF!

The third BBQ, Boots and Bateys fundraising event was held on January 21 at Palm Coast on St Simons Island and was a huge success! Despite the torrential rain, over 125 guests were in attendance to enjoy music by BackBeat Boulevard, cocktails, and delicious food! Suzanne and David Whitehead, MD, WWR pit-masters for the evening, smoked whole pigs and chickens for the best pulled barbecue topped off with their special family Suzie Q sauce. This was accompanied by appetizers and desserts donated by The Crab Trap and Richs, as well as a photo booth to capture the fun. The night raised over $21,000 in sponsorships and ticket sales! This event was privately funded ensuring that 100% of the money raised went directly in support of World Water Relief and its mission to provide safe drinking water and hygiene and sanitation education to the people of Haiti and the Dominican Republic!

Thank you to everyone who made this night incredible!

Our Ripple Effect— Please Join Us

With the support of many friends and donors, World Water Relief provides clean water and critical hygiene education to our 24 school projects in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The ripple effect is reaching into the surrounding communities, through our Community Hygiene Programs and the availability of the clean water from the schools for all residents. At present, we are incurring additional expenses to maintain our projects in Haiti due to Hurricane Matthew in addition to our normal operating costs. If you can help, please send a check to the address below, or visit our website to donate online. And help us spread the word — we would love the opportunity to speak to your church, service club, school group or other organization who would be interested in our work.

To donate by check: Send to World Water Relief, 931 Monroe Drive, Suite 102-593, Atlanta, GA 30308

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