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Deland, FL – Kathy Smith, owner of Tropical Water Gardens participated in the Aquascape Foundation's trek to Kiyindi, Uganda to install a 20,000 gallon rainwater harvesting system at the International Needs Network School the week of January 23, 2012. The newly installed RainXchange® rainwater harvesting system will provide clean drinking water for approximately 900 school children year-round and creates the ability to prepare one hot meal per day.

Ed Beaulieu, chief sustainability officer for Aquascape, designed the school's rainwater harvesting system to collect run-off from the roofs of 2 school buildings and a nearby medical office. Captured rainwater is passed through a sub-surface chamber where particulate matter is removed. The collected water is stored in a 15,000 gallon reservoir before passing through an ionization system into a 5,000 gallon holding tank where it can then be accessed by hand or electronic pump.

"We were proud to have Kathy from Tropical Water Gardens devote their time and labor to assist with the Foundation's third installation of a rainwater harvesting system in an area lacking access to clean drinking water," says Carla Wittstock, president of the Aquascape Foundation. "Our previous RainXchange® projects at schools in Colombia, South America and Ghana, Africa were met with great success."

The Aquascape Foundation worked once again with the I.N. Network in Zeeland, Michigan to locate a school in need of clean drinking water. The I.N. Network's mission is to connect partners in community development around the world.

Aquascape Foundation volunteers who participated in the rainwater harvesting project included foundation president Carla Wittstock, Wayne, IL; foundation vice-president, Ed Beaulieu of Aquascape, Inc. in St. Charles, IL and his wife, Ellen Beaulieu; John Adams of Modern Design Aquascaping in Friendsville, TN; Diane and Chris Baker of James Ponds in Doylestown, PA; Lisa Ballantine of Filter Pure in Elk Grove Village, IL; Odile Bartlett, Steve and Linda Kovacs, Dean Methorst, Gloria Musselle, and Timothy Muttoo of H2O for All in Canada; Kay and Mark Bleyer of I.N. Network USA in West Lafayette, IN; April Dugan of Nature Scapes in Grafton, NH; Danielle and Paul Edling of Bloodgood Landscape Corporation in Horsham, PA; Al Lentz of Lentzcaping Inc. in Warminster, PA; John and Ethan Seavers of Just Sprinklers Inc. in Albuquerque, NM; Kathy Smith of Tropical Water Gardens in Deland, FL; Chris Sturdyvin and Matthew Kinney of Chris' Water Gardens in Homer, IL ; and Robert Lange of Thawville, IL.

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The Aquascape Foundation is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 organization established in 2008. The mission of The Foundation is to create sustainable solutions for the world-wide water crisis. The purpose of The Foundation is to promote awareness of water as our most precious resource through environmental, educational and philanthropic efforts.



Tropical Water Gardens was started in July 2006 by Kathy Smith. She turned her hobby of water gardening into a business to be able to serve the community as a destination for all water gardening needs. Tropical Water Gardens is a Certified Aquascape Contractor and not only installs beautiful water features, but also is a retailer of Aquascape products, aquatic plants and koi.



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

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

 Jaak Harju, H2O Designs, Chris Thompson and 3 others like this.

 **BJL Aquascapes** Way to go Kathy ! We are all proud of you !!
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 **Tropical Water Gardens** Thank you BJ!! It has been a long hard week! So glad the container arrived in time for us to complete the project. Now it is time to Safari!!
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
 **E Scott Hammond** way to go!
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 **Matthew Landry** Thank you Kathy and Tropical Water Gardens for representing your fellow Certified Aquascape Contractors in KIYINDI, UGANDA.
February 20, 2012 at 5:08am ·  3

 **Jennifer Zuri** Tropical Water Gardens, what a wonderful gift you've given in the form of rainwater harvesting.
February 20, 2012 at 10:09am ·  1

 **Pieter van Westervelt** Great work Kathy! Proud you are a 'fellow' CAC -
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 **Chris Thompson** wish i could have made the trip with Tropical Water Gardens. Great rainwater harvesting project.
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 **Judy Harvey** Wonderful Project!
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