## Pure Water for the World, Inc. Named a Finalist for the 2022 Classy Awards

The Classy Awards honor today's most innovative nonprofit organizations

Rutland, VT April 7, 2022 -- Classy, a giving platform that enables nonprofits to connect supporters with causes they care about, has named Pure Water for the World, Inc. (PWW) as a finalist for the 2022 Classy Awards. The Classy Awards were launched in 2009 to shine a spotlight on outstanding programs run by nonprofit organizations around the world and have grown to become one of the largest social impact awards in the country. Today, we're proud to share that PWW's Health and Hope in Haiti program has been recognized for its contribution to addressing the need for reliable access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education (WASH) in homes, schools and health clinics located in underserved communities in Limonade, a commune in northern Haiti located outside of Cap-Haïtien.

Since 2008, PWW has partnered with underserved communities in Haiti, delivering WASH programs to families, schools, and health clinics. Beginning in 2019, operations out of the main office in Port-au-Prince were significantly disrupted by political and social unrest, further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. PWW's expansion of programs in northern Haiti (which began in 2017) had not realized the same disruptions. In fact, the PWW Haiti team has made consistent progress in the north, including effectively launching a new project in 2021 to empower another 400 families in Pistère, Déreal and Campeche, communities located within the Limonade commune, with reliable access to WASH resources. The team also recently completed the implementation of a comprehensive WASH program at a community school in Calvaire, Limonade, serving over 200 students, and will begin work at another school in May.

Following extensive research and evaluation, in 2021, the PWW staff and Board determined a formal move from Port-au-Prince to Limonade, where the need for WASH services is significant, was imperative for the organization to continue to effectively serve the people of Haiti. PWW has established partnerships in the region and has already demonstrated successful impact. This year, Haiti staff members, many of whom have been with PWW for more than 10 years, relocated their families to establish the new base of operations. The initial goal in Limonade is to reach 6,000+ families as well as schools and health clinics that do not have effective WASH programs.

"We are honored to be recognized as a finalist for the Classy Awards," said Matt Korn, PWW Executive Director. "It is a privilege to present our recent transition in Haiti, as demonstrated in the *Health and Hope in Haiti* program. The entire team and the Board of Directors have worked incredibly hard, united in our commitment to effectively adapt our strategy in order to overcome barriers to achieving our mission in Haiti."

Winners for the 2022 Classy Awards will be announced on June 14, 2022, but supporters can vote here (https://progress.classy.org/profile/478555) for PWW's *Health and Hope in Haiti* program in the People's Choice award category, presented by **LinkedIn for Nonprofits**. Voting will be open from April 7th to April 21st.

For more information on the Classy Awards, visit <a href="www.awards.classy.org">www.awards.classy.org</a>. For more information about PWW, visit <a href="www.purewaterfortheworld.org">www.purewaterfortheworld.org</a> or call 802-747-0778.

## About Pure Water for The World, Inc.:

Pure Water for the World is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to improve lives by empowering people with access to life's most basic necessities: safe water and sanitation. Pure Water for the World has partnered with over 500 communities, reaching more than 750,000 people in Haiti and Central America with life-changing, sustainable safe water, hygiene and sanitation solutions.

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## **About the Classy Awards**

The <u>Classy Awards</u> is one of the largest awards ceremonies of its kind, recognizing excellence in social innovation. The yearlong initiative identifies and evaluates organizations addressing hundreds of social problems around the world. The winners are determined by the Classy Awards Leadership Council, an honorary board of leaders and experts whose unique perspective and valuable insight establish this recognition as one of the highest honors in the social sector.

## **About Classy**

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