

Drive-Thru Beer Garden Raises \$7,000 for Missions

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Saturday's Sister Water Beer Garden in a Box fundraiser such a tremendous success! Our sisters, associates, staff, and volunteers had a great time serving our 170 guests on a beautiful summer day, and the local band "Sorry We're Open" provided three sets of musical favorites to entertain our drive-thru customers and our friends on Facebook.

More than 200 packages of beer, root beer, pretzels, and gourmet mustard were ordered, along with our souvenir pint glasses. More than \$7,000 in net profits were raised from this three-hour event, and additional funds were received from our generous sponsors.

These proceeds will help our sisters care for the earth as they care for others at our missions around the world. For example, funds will help sisters in remote rural areas of India to produce convenient, inexpensive energy for convents, schools, and clinics using clean-burning bio-gas generators. Sisters and those they serve will be able to harness solar energy to light and cool classrooms and living spaces in scorching summer heat. Families in Peru and school children in India will be able to access clean water with rain harvest and filtering systems. And sisters in our formation house in Tanzania, who otherwise would have to drink and bathe in water with dangerously high mineral content, are able to live safer and healthier lives.

"I'm so humbled by the response from sisters, associates, and everyone who helped before, during, and after the event to make it such a success," said Kelly Nowakowski, the event coordinator. "And I'm very grateful that so many people were willing to once again come and support us and make this important investment in our missions as we are starting to open up after the pandemic."

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Together, you made a forever difference! Be sure to let your family members and friends know that our next drive-thru beer garden will be held Saturday, August 14, at the Sacred Heart parking lot. And mark your calendars for our in-person Oktoberfest fall festival on Sunday, September 12, which will be held in the St. Joseph Center garden!

