



Founder and CEO

# Doc Hendley

Doc Hendley is the Founder and President of Wine To Water, a non-profit organization that serves in communities to provide clean water for people in need around the world. Doc first envisioned the concept of Wine To Water while bartending and playing music in nightclubs in Raleigh, North Carolina. With the money raised, Hendley traveled to Darfur, Sudan, in 2004 and began installing water systems for victims of government-supported genocide.

Doc was selected as one of the Top Ten CNN Heroes in 2009, chosen by a panel of judges including General Colin Powell, Whoopi Goldberg, Ted Turner, and Sir Elton John.

In 2012, he published "Wine to Water: A Bartender's Quest to Bring Clean Water to the World" (Avery: Penguin, Jan 2012). It is a captivating story of an ordinary bartender who is changing the world through clean water, and the book is a foundation of college courses at several universities across the country.

Thousands have been inspired by Doc's story, and Wine To Water has grown from one man's mission into a global movement for clean water. Wine To Water has reached over 2 million people and worked in 50+ countries.

Wine To Water has saved thousands of lives by providing humanity's most basic need, clean water. Doc speaks primarily through the Wine To Water Filter Build Program, which provides an enriching, hands-on, socially responsible experience for companies and organizations to assemble filters and engage in the world's water crisis.

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**Wine To Water:  
Ordinary People Can Do Extraordinary Things**

On a journey from singing in bars to working in Darfur, Sudan, and then leading Wine To Water from a dream to a reality. Doc realized that ordinary people can do extraordinary things. With a team of passionate individuals. Wine To Water has made a significant impact on the global water crisis through the power of community.

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