

ALUMNI BEAT

The Beat: Gators Giving Back

World Changers

Emails like the one below are why we started this newsletter. Alumna Nermine Khouzam Rubin and her daughter Samantha (currently a senior at UF) climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, and ripped off a Gator Chomp at 19,341 feet to raise awareness for their recently-founded non-profit Water4Mercy!

Here's what Nermine had to say about the trip and Water4Mercy:

Inspired by Samantha, in early 2018 Nermine founded Water4Mercy, which seeks to transform the world one person at a time by providing schools, medical clinics, and villages in third world countries in Africa with permanent and sustainable water and agricultural solutions.



With Israeli partner innovation: Africa, Water4Mercy is bringing advanced solar, water,

and agricultural technologies to remote African villages.

The advanced solar powered water wells with remote monitoring result in 100% successful implementation of optimal, clean water to schools, medical clinics, and villages throughout Africa.

Drip irrigation for farming is then implemented and is a means for the villagers to get out of poverty and move towards financial self sufficiency. ONE & DONE!!

Incredible, right?! Nermine and Samantha are making a serious change in the world!

Water4Mercy

After checking out Water4Mercy's website, it's easy to see why Nermine was moved to action. The images alone are powerful enough, but the statistics are absolutely staggering — 1.8 billion people using drinking water contaminated with feces; the equivalent of 15 laps around a football field spent searching for water; 350 million people living in sub-Saharan Africa in need of water.



It always sounds like lip service when we say that Gator Nation is everywhere, and that we're changing people's lives daily. But Nermine and Samantha are one more bit of proof of the kindness that UF pumps out on the reg.

If you're interested in checking out what Water4Mercy is all about, visit their website at www.Water4Mercy.org. Don't forget to check out the donation page. Also, check out their partner organization at www.innoafrica.org to see just how, after receiving funds for a village, the team turns money into clean water.

As with past links, we're not explicitly saying go donate to this site. But, as Gators, we're gonna support Water4Mercy to the fullest, and showcase yet another set of Gators doing well in the world. And please send us more emails! Our inbox is open for all Gators who are doing great.

We're also here for the pics of Gator Chomps over the globe!