

# PMA Students Impact Nigerian Community with Water Walk

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Several young ladies from the Presentation of Mary Academy participated in the second annual Water Walk hosted by the Thank You Project. On Sept. 10, Iruka Obinelo recruited her friends Julia Mendes and Katie Wimmer to lend a hand.

The goal of this Christian-based nonprofit organization is to positively impact the lives of the community in a rural area of Nigeria. The objective this year was to raise money to dig fresh water wells. Iruka, Julia and Katie helped register walkers, handed out T-shirts and also participated in the walk.

"We have a dear family friend who started this idea and my mom is on the board as well," Iruka said.

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*From left are Katie Wimmer, Julia Mendes and Iruka Obinelo.*

"It's important to me because I have family in

Africa. I like knowing that I am helping people where my family is."

Julia and Katie agreed, "It feels good to make a difference for other people for something as simple as water."

Presentation of Mary Academy teaches their students the importance of helping those less fortunate and encourages them to help out in their community. Principal Sister

Maria Rosa was thrilled. "I am so proud of these girls for stepping up and helping out a cause that is close to their hearts."