



Safaris can change lives!

Dear Kyle,

Hi, It's Brenda Dittmore. I'm sure you don't remember, but 2 years ago you helped plan a trip to Africa for my family and I. My daughter Sarah did a school supply drive and you helped her to organize the donation to a school in Dixie South Africa. We stayed at Djuma. Your help in organizing that trip has had a far reaching effect on our family. Thank you!

When we visited the village Sarah had \$250 extra dollars because we convinced the airlines not to charge us for the 5 extra suitcases of school supplies. She offered the money to the school to buy more supplies or food for the kids. After much thought, she was advised to take the money home and start another fundraiser. She did. She decided she wanted to bring clean drinking water to the kids in Dixie after seeing them walk to the neighboring village to get water each day. So this year, as a senior in high school, she held fundraisers all year. She sold t-shirts, bracelets and water bottles. She had a Walk for Water walk-a-thon and a benefit talent show. Her classmates were very enthusiastic and she raised \$8,000. With matching funds from non profits and donated pumps she is now able to build a well and water purification system in Dixie.



Sarah has been accepted to NYU, and they have agreed to defer her acceptance for a year so she can take a GAP year and do volunteer work in Africa. Djuma Lodge has agreed to host her for several days so she can visit Dixie and see her water project. She will then volunteer for 3 weeks with Pride and Purpose. (Our guide Greg and his wife Kim, moved from Djuma to another Lodge and made the connection for her).

After her time in South Africa she will be going to Ethiopia to volunteer with the Global Volunteer Network for two months. Then on to do more volunteer work in India.

Thank you for helping be such an inspiration to Sarah.

Brenda Dittmore