

## Why clean water is important to me.

Water is one of the building blocks of all life on earth. Without it we would not be able to exist. Providing clean, safe drinking water is essential to maintaining that existence. I believe every person on Earth should be given access to safe drinking water. I am very pleased to be given this opportunity to provide clean water to our small corner of this planet we call home. My entire life I took for granted the importance of water.

I grew up on a farm in the Turtle Lake area, surviving off of unfiltered, untreated well water. We would sometimes have water that was odorous, discolored and very hard. My clothing would end up permanently stained due to the high iron content of the water. One spring the water was at the point where it was unable to be used because it had a very foul odor to it. We were forced to go into town to buy bottled water, and to shower and do laundry. It was an unexpected expense and tiring.

Since I grew up in this area, I have the pleasure of knowing many of the residents. Some have become very close friends, almost like family. I am excited and proud to be able to provide this service to them.

My wife and I moved from Bismarck to Turtle Lake in 2015. We have three young children. My family is the most important thing in my life. I cannot imagine them having the water issues that I had growing up.

I do not view this opportunity as work. It is life changing career path. Not just for myself, but for my wife and children. It also allows me to help the people in this area who have made a substantial impact on my life.

Humans have come a long way in terms of water safety. From drinking water straight from streams to the ancient Roman aqueducts. From a well servicing one family to filtered and treated pipelines that provide safe water for thousands.

I take pride in knowing that I am continuing my education with water plant operations. Thank you for taking me into consideration for this career opportunity.

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