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Abstract

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SURGE

[VERB] : to move suddenly or powerfully forward or upward

FEARLESS: MIKE ALTMAN

March 22, 2013

Mike Altman '12 has combined two extremely important aspects of his life: comedy and clean water.



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Through June 1, Mike is trying to raise money and morale through his campaign "**Pay It Funny**" hosted through **charity: water**. He is challenging individuals to find their funny bone and create a 6-second video that shows off their sense of humor on the new social app, Vine. **Each Vine video with the hashtags #PayItFunny #charitywater will cost one donation of the participant's choosing.** He is aiming to reach \$1000 by the end of May and when his campaign is finished, **100% of that money will DIRECTLY fund specific water projects.**

And when those projects have finished, **charity: water** will send Pay it Funny participants the pictures and GPS coordinates of the actual water projects their donations went to. He is also asking for participants to **post the links to their Vine videos on the Pay It Funny donation page** so that everyone can giggle together at each other's humor. Mike is fearlessly creating an environment of open discussion and about the important issue of water availability, and what a fun way to do it!

Don't have a vine account? That's ok! **Login at payitfunny@gmail.com (password: payitfunny123).**

Go to his campaign page for more details or to donate and post your Vine's URL:

<http://mycharitywater.org/payitfunny>

Check out the **[Vine](#)** that the staff at Surge made!



And a shout-out to the **Random Acts of Theater Company** who is coming to Gettysburg from Selma, Alabama next week. These high school students are not only extremely talented, but they're also coming with much to share about their experiences living in the still-segregated South. **We're pumped to meet them when they arrive next Wednesday!** Check out the **[schedule](#)** of their events!

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