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"Delivering Better Lives"



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**"Decisions
are made
by those
that show
up."**

**-Aaron
Sorkin**

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Burundi School Completed



Mashitsi Village, Burundi: School construction and furniture was provided by the Benelux team.

After nearly 18 months of perseverance the new school at Mashitsi Village in Burundi is now complete. It will be opened on 12 October in a very large and significant ceremony which will be attended by a broad range of local dignitaries together with the local UTi Management, the Project Leadership Team and a senior management team from UTi in Belgium who will represent the Foundation.

The outfitting of this school has been completed with furniture provided by the UTi team in Benelux. As you know this school was funded through a major fundraising

program driven by the Benelux team and through the 2009 Walkathon.

The efforts of everyone in Benelux and everyone who participated in the Walkathon will be rewarded with the children of this area now attending a local school. We will watch closely to see the benefits that this produces and know that the long term outcome will be better educated young people.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraising in any way your efforts are Delivering Better Lives to the children of Burundi.

Walkathon Delivers Better Lives in Chile ...

For all of you who supported the annual Walkathon either by walking, making donations or helping in any way at all you should now sit back in contentment with the knowledge that your efforts are Delivering Better Lives to the Children of Casa Esperanza an orphanage south of Santiago in Chile.

The funds generated from the efforts of all who participated in the Walkathon was USD 63000. Our thanks go out to everyone who participated in any way to make this fundraising event the success it was. Special thanks must go to the exceptional efforts of the following Countries :

- Philippines – raised the highest funds of any Country in Asia, well done to the team in Philippines.
- Spain – raised the highest funds of any Country in Emena, well done.
- USA – for raising the highest amount of any Country in the event.

- South Africa – continued support of the work of DBL and the second highest over-all Country total.

Mention also must be made of the wonderful efforts of Ireland, India, and Malaysia for significant funds raised. All of these funds are being spent on upgrades to Casa Esperanza to enable improved care for the children under their care and to increase the capacity to care for more children.

Casa is based south of Santiago and cares for 65 children in two houses that have been donated to them for the purpose. With the funds available we will be able to upgrade or improve conditions at both houses, this will include general repairs and renovations, new security fencing, new laundry, new playground and a new bus to enable children to be taken to doctors, hospitals and school.

When this work is complete we will share the photographs of the upgrade and smiling faces with you.

“Do not wait for leaders. Do it alone, one-on-one.”

-Mother Teresa

... With a Little Help from Above

The Foundation recognizes the contribution to our work of Tony Ranson in EMENA. Tony committed to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Kenya and to do so to raise funds for DBL. People can still sponsor Tony through the DBL website.

This is a major commitment physically and emotionally and we all thank Tony for his commitment to Delivering Better Lives. The photographs below show Tony before his journey and on top of Kilimanjaro. He truly does deliver better lives.



Patient Transfer Vehicle Delivered to Community in Eastern Cambodia

In partnership with the FDGL Foundation in Spain we have recently delivered a Patient Transfer Vehicle (Ambulance) to the small village of Prek Ta Nong in Eastern Cambodia. This village is over one hour from the nearest hospital and has had no way to collect patients from within the village or deliver them to hospital. This has resulted in many early deaths, the new vehicle will help to increase the life expectancy of the villagers and to reduce the number of people who do not recover from illness due to the unavailability of adequate care.

“The ultimate measure of man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and adversity.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.



The UTi sponsored ambulance will save lives in Prek Ta Nong, Cambodia.



Natural Disasters Strike Again

By now you will all have seen and read of the disastrous floods that have hit Pakistan leaving millions displaced from their homes and many tens of thousands more subjected to extreme hardship. This is one of those tragedies that seem to strike all too often these days and while we all try our best to help to alleviate some of the suffering and hardship many people are left to suffer in silence.

We can be thankful that none of the members of the UTI team were impacted by these floods. This does not however mean that they are not suffering along with their fellow countrymen they feel the pain of all of those effected.

As we have said before the **DBL Foundation** is not a first response organization at times of disaster but we do look in all cases at how we can help after the

first wave of aid has been delivered.

We are now working with our team in the sub continent to see where we can help in this next phase of the recovery process and are sure that we will shortly identify schools where we can undertake projects to get children back to their studies as soon as possible. As soon as we finalize a project we will let you all know.

You will also have by now seen the detail of the Earthquake that has struck in Christchurch New Zealand, fortunately again none of our team were injured although there was some damage to homes and minor damage to our offices. We can all be thankful that the disaster took no lives and while the material damage is severe it is the loss of life that is always the greatest tragedy.



CL&D Donates Backpacks, School Supplies To Elementary School in Madison, Illinois

Across the wide UTi world there is work being done to improve the lives of people in our communities every day. It is not possible to share every story with you here but we thought it would be good to continue to share some of them as we have the opportunity to do so.

This story comes from our Distribution Centres in Illinois and Missouri in the USA. The teams at these centres recently got together to help out at [Madison Elementary School](#) in Madison.

The teams raised funds and sought donations to enable them to donate backpacks filled with school books and equipment to 192 children at the school registration day in August.

This is wonderful gesture and just one example of the many hundreds of efforts that Deliver Better Lives at the local level. Please let me know of these examples in your area.



“We must either find a way or make one”

Hannibal

Egypt Children's Hospital Project Completed

The work approved to be undertaken at the Cairo Children’s Hospital is now complete. This work involved renovating the ward and providing new equipment to improve the quality of care of the children and to enable doctors to deliver the medical outcomes essential.

This hospital cares for children from all over Egypt so sees many thousands of children a year – the scale of the aid delivered is enormous and impact beyond what most of us could imagine.

USA Management Team Makes a Difference

The US Management Team under the Leadership of Chris Dale took time out from their recent meeting in Chicago to make a real difference to the lives of elderly citizens living in subsidized accommodation in nearby Joliet. This is now project number 7 completed in the USA all with UTi team members working to improve the lives of people within our disadvantaged communities.

The team worked feverishly to repaint the garden gazebo and fence around the property and to prepare the garden for the next season with a heavy layer of mulch. The work planned was a huge workload for one day and unfortunately a little of the work was not completed so the Chicago team accepted the challenge to finish the work in their own time- a wonderful gesture and very important for the community.

This work makes an enormous difference to the lives of these older people not only because it improves the quality of their environment but because it shows to them that people do care and that they are important in society – all too often these older members of our community are forgotten and this small gesture means more than we could ever imagine.

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"Thank you to everyone who contributed to this Edition of the DBL Newsletter"

New Projects Approved by the Foundation Trustees

At their August meeting the Trustees of the Foundation approved two new projects that will commence within the next month and tentatively approved one further project to be finalized at the September meeting.

- **The first project** is in Colombia and involves the extension of an orphanage in Medellin. This orphanage, La Casita Nicholas, currently houses around 80 children but an extension of the premises is desperately needed to enable them to provide better quality accommodation and services to their current children and to accommodate more children. Unfortunately Colombia was badly hit by the Global Financial Crisis and has seen a major increase in the numbers of orphans and there are just not enough facilities to provide them with the best care.

I have been lucky enough to visit La Casita with the UTi team in Colombia. To see and hold these children and to see the wonderful care and love that they receive is an extraordinary experience. This is a wonderful place and helping the team at La Casita to help the children is unquestionably Delivering Better Lives. Anyone who has the opportunity should visit this place of love and see these beautiful children.

- **The second project** is in East Arnhem land in Australia. This project is named Leaders of Tomorrow and is set among the indigenous communities in the outback of Australia where there are enormous social and economic challenges and in particular where huge problems exist with petrol and glue sniffing. The program, Leaders of Tomorrow, is driven by young aboriginals who have had the opportunity to achieve their dreams through sport and who have taken their experiences and skills back into the communities to make a real difference.

The Foundation role is to purchase equipment and facilities to assist with the program. The program is supported by UTi in Australia and the Regional VP Andy Coop who is visiting these communities working on these programs in October this year.