

# Delivering Better Lives



## Letter from the Executive Trustee



January 2017

### 3,000,000 Better Lives Delivered because of DBL and you!

- *Women and children in refuges — that did not exist,*
- *Children with schools — that did not exist or were in disrepair,*
- *Communities with clinics and hospitals — lives saved, especially during childbirth,*
- *Communities with bridges for children to get safely to school,*
- *Kids with books to read, where previously they had none,*
- *Orphanages with new bedrooms and kitchens, children leading better lives,*
- *HIV sufferers with new homes where they can live without persecution,*
- *Facilities and equipment for adults and children with special needs.*
- *Sustainable Subsistence lifestyle solutions for communities with limited opportunity for income.*



All this and many more because of you and *Delivering Better Lives* and we do not intend to stop now, there is still so much more to do and with your support we aim to deliver many more better lives.

# DBL — The Evolution of Delivering Better Lives.

*DBL* was created in 2007 with the sole objective of Delivering Better Lives to needy people in the communities in which we live and work. This objective was built on a belief that all global citizens had fundamental rights :

- \* The right to a roof over their heads,
- \* The right to food in their stomach,
- \* The right to an education,
- \* The right to basic healthcare.

*DBL* was created and has been driven by former senior executives of UTi, a global logistics provider based in Los Angeles. In our first ten years, all work was carried out in partnership with UTi, who were a strong partner and committed financial supporter of our work. The work within the UTi network delivered many millions of Better Lives across all continents and over 45 countries and importantly, made the lives of all UTi team members who were part of our work richer and fuller. We will never be able to thank UTi and the people of UTi enough.

But as we all know nothing in life is as certain as change. In 2016 UTi was sold and the work of DBL had to be reengineered.

**The wonderful news is that the work of DBL will continue.** In the short to mid term funding for our work to Deliver Better lives is in place .We will need to raise further funds ,like everyone , but importantly our work can move ahead unimpeded by funding shortfalls.

All are invited to share in our wonderful journey, but we especially invite all former members of the UTi family to continue to be a part of our work. Suggest projects, raise funds, help execute projects on the ground, these are all valuable ways to remain engaged and help to make the world a better place.

Please email me if you have any questions, thoughts or ideas but above all check our website, join us on Facebook and check out our Instagram page.

Glenn Mills



# Propose a Project

**DBL** needs your help, now that we no longer have the support structure of an international company to provide us with avenues to source and manage new projects, we need the assistance of former UTi staff around the world to become involved in their local communities. Many former team members have had experience with **DBL** projects before and for those who haven't no greater time exists than now to become involved. We are also looking for opportunities to fundraise to support our ongoing work in Delivering Better Lives.

## Project Submission Guidelines

The project selection criterion used by **DBL** have not changed, but we felt that it was worth outlining the key points again for anyone sending a project to **DBL** for consideration.

1. Projects must be in the fields of Health, Education or Community Infrastructure.
2. Projects must involve the creation or improvement of infrastructure or infrastructural programs.
3. Projects must be sustainable in the long term - DBL wants to provide facilities or programs for communities to drive improvement in their own lives we never plan to be around for the long term.
- 4 There must be strong local community engagement.
5. Projects must be well thought through and logically detailed.

These broad guidelines might seem simple but they are key to a successful outcome. Once initial information is received **DBL** will evaluate the proposal and seek further feedback.

If you wish to suggest a project to **DBL** for consideration please email us at : [glennmills@deliveringbetterlives.org](mailto:glennmills@deliveringbetterlives.org)

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# The New DBL

As **DBL** enters a new world without access to and the support of a corporate network we are seeking interest from people interested in working with us in every country and region. If you have a passion for making the world a better place and would like to continue to be a part of the **DBL** world please email us at [gmills@deliveringbetterlives.org](mailto:gmills@deliveringbetterlives.org)

Some of the issues you can help with are :

1. Building a network of **DBL** supporters.
2. Helping to build a database of email addresses.
3. Suggest new projects for **DBL** to execute.
4. Help with fundraising programs.
- 5 Spread the message of our work.

There is no greater gift than giving of yourself and no great reward than to know that someone you have touched will lead a better life because of you.

# Current Projects—2017

As we welcome 2017 we have many projects currently underway or about to commence around the world. Please see the comprehensive list below-

## **Linda Clinic Projects— Munkolo Ward 12, Zambia**

*DBL* is working to construct a new hospital/clinic and install systems to ensure a constant supply of water to the clinic, in an area that currently does not have medical facilities.

## **Cervical Cancer Program— Harare, Zimbabwe**

*DBL* will provide funding for 2 nurses and a vehicle to ensure that Cervical Cancer testing can be more extensively undertaken. Cervical Cancer is the most common form of cancer in Zimbabwe.

## **Bwailia Hospital— Bwailia, Malawi**

*DBL* is funding the construction of a new Outpatients Department to replace a seriously inadequate OPS currently utilised by the hospital.

## **Al Abrar Orphanage for Girls— Cairo, Egypt**

*DBL* will upgrade furnishing and equipment at the orphanage for girls. This will include bedroom furniture, kitchen equipment and study equipment.

## **Slovo Day Care Centre— Johannesburg, South Africa**

*DBL* will fund the construction of a new Day Care Centre and toilet block, to allow it to provide a broad range of services to pre school age children through to teenagers.

## **Lorenzo's Home— Bangkok, Thailand**

*DBL* supports and manages an education program with an aim to provide vocational skills to 6 young people with HIV.

## **Guide Dogs for the Blind— Budapest, Hungary**

*DBL* funds the acquisition, education and training of guide dogs for the visually impaired in Hungary to improve their quality of life.

## **Neve Galim Project— Ashdod, Israel**

*DBL* is currently undertaking a second project at Neve Galim. The

home will be provided with furnishing for 2 additional houses.

## **Galim Science Class Project**

*DBL* will work with Galim school to establish a science classroom to provide education to children with a complex range of special needs.

## **Nitzan Agricultural Project— Negev, Israel**

The Nitzan farm provides strengthening and rehabilitation services to at risk youth. *DBL* will fund the purchase of equipment required to run the farm, including greenhouses, heavy mechanical equipment and construction equipment.

## **Querubines Home for Children— Buenos Aires, Argentina**

*DBL* will fund and manage a project to provide an additional two bedrooms at the home. This will allow them to take in more young girls who have been abandoned or orphaned and are HIV positive.

## **Chrysalide— Mauritius**

*DBL* is working with the government to construct a shelter for women at risk in society. It will provide accommodation for women and children in a hostel setting.

## **Al Baqa Rehabilitation Centre— Amman, Jordan**

The Centre is located in the Baqa refugee camp which houses around 100,000 people. The centre provides support to children in need of specialist care for conditions such as Autism, auditory defects and Cerebral Palsy. *DBL* will provide essential equipment to the centre.

## **Philippine Education Program— Mangahhan Village— Philippines**

*DBL* provides financial support to a group of young people to ensure they can continue their education and obtain vocational skills essential to gaining employment.

## **Siphon School— Mangahhan Village, Philippines**

*DBL* funds the provision of 2 pre-school teacher to ensure the school can continue to educate children in the Mangahhan Village community.

# Completed Projects— Q4. 2016

## Escola Primaria de Nhamisenguere



Located around 300 kilometers from Beira, Mozambique the school educates approximately 300 children in an open format building. The building was in terrible condi-

tion with the main concern being a collapsing roof and no bathroom facilities.

DBL has supported the school to replace the existing room and construct a bathroom block.



## Willow Crescent School

Willow Crescent School is a large secondary school in El Dorado, South Africa. The school has been subject to extensive vandalism that has left the facilities in poor condition. Before the school

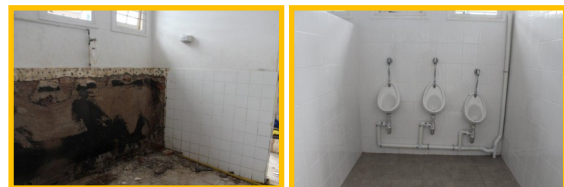
could consider upgrading the facilities, they needed security to ensure the upgrades would not be in vain. *DBL* funded and managed a project to install a perimeter fence to protect the assets and upgrades within.



## Open Air School

The Durban Open Air School was initially opened to provide education to children with respiratory diseases such as asthma, with a view that the open air was beneficial. Today the school caters for children with various physical and intellectual challenges.

The school has limited government funding and was in very poor condition. *DBL* funded works to upgrade toilets and bathrooms, replace damaged roofing and painting of the buildings.



## Lost Food Project

The Lost Food Project was created in Malaysia, to provide a mechanism to collect food from supermarkets, hotels, restaurants and other venues and redistribute it to those in need. The work has been going on for around one year now with food being collected by volunteers in their own cars.

The project was providing food to around 1000 people but supplies are available for around 5000 if a vehicle was available to handle these volumes

*DBL* sourced and funded the purchase of a vehicle better suited to the distribution of food and enable the work to grow substantially and provide food to many thousands of people.





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## Mirame Foundation

Mirame Foundation provides services to families with children with Autism, who due to socio-economic circumstances cannot afford treatment.

The staff at Mirame are professionals who volunteer on a rostered basis. They currently do not have a permanent base and operate by moving



equipment around. They have now been provided with land on which to establish a facility in Santiago.

*DBL* worked to assist the Foundation in setting up a permanent container based facility on the land provided. This will allow the Foundation to better provide the therapeutic services needed by the community.



## Vista Maria

Vista Maria is a 50 acre Campus that was donated by the Ford Family to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. The campus consists of Residential Complexes that provide shelter for girls that are homeless, in need of mental care, in need of Foster care, are victims of Human Trafficking and general community based programs for youth assistance.

In addition to the residential buildings, the Campus contains a School, Meeting Rooms, a Chapel, a Gymnasium, an updated Cafe-

teria as well as administration buildings and a State of the art Mental Health facility.

*DBL* funded the purchase of a new freezer, commercial carts and utility carts for the commercial kitchen. *DBL* has also undertaken two other projects at Vista Maria, to provide furnishings for the living areas and groundworks.

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