



UTi Charitable Foundation  
 "Delivering Better Lives"

# DBL Newsletter

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*"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."*

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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DBL GLOBAL WALKATHON RUN WALK GATHER SUPPORT

With the objective of bringing the UTi family together as one, in a healthy mind, healthy body event, **Delivering Better Lives** and UTi launched an annual global Walkathon some 5 years ago. The event encourages the participation of all and builds on the principle of joining hands around the world to help others. A Walkathon provides the symbolic opportunity to walk collectively as a group, some 40,000 kilometres - the approximate circumference of the globe. An important element of this event is raising funds to enable **DBL** to continue our work with communities in countries where UTi does business.

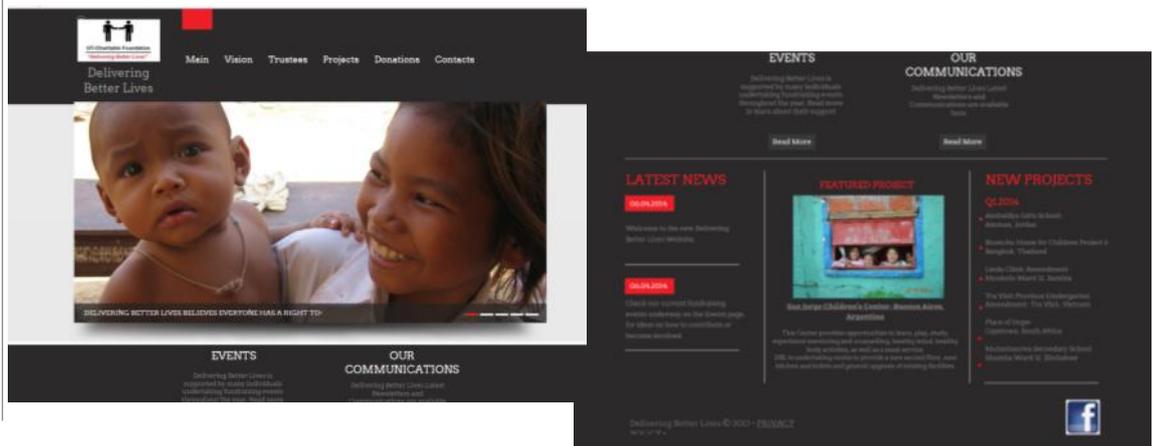
Over the succeeding years, the event has extended from one day to a week, allowing more teams to participate and provide more flexibility on timing. Teams have also been encouraged to expand the range of activities to gain maximum participation and fellowship.

The Walkathon event has been very significant in funding projects undertaken by **DBL** with the selected project rotating between the various UTi regions each year. Funds raised in 2014 will be applied to a project in the Americas, specifically in Argentina, where **DBL** will assist in the construction of a new shelter for disadvantaged young people in a poor area where there is limited social support.

This year's event will be held over the two weeks commencing May 18 to 31. We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to join to help others but most importantly, to come together as a family to support and enjoy each other's company in a healthy environment.

For information on forming a team for this year's event, please visit the [DBL page on myUTi](#) or the **DBL** website at [www.deliveringbetterlives.com](http://www.deliveringbetterlives.com).

## Coming Soon— A New Look for [www.deliveringbetterlives.com](http://www.deliveringbetterlives.com)



## DBL Approves New Projects

In the last two months, **DBL** has been very active in analyzing and evaluating new projects and has approved the following:

- **Muatanhaurwa Secondary College – Zimbabwe:** **DBL** will construct a new secondary college in Mashonaland, Zimbabwe. Students in this area currently walk up to 30 kilometres a day to attend school and in some cases are in classes of 100 students. The new college will make a huge difference in the lives of these young people.
- **Place of Hope – South Africa:** Place of Hope is a refuge for abused women and children in Capetown, South Africa. **DBL** will work to upgrade the facilities to help brighten the lives of the people who so desperately need the support the center provides.
- **Shadupar Primary School– Bangladesh:** Shadupar receives no government funding for the educational services they provide. The school is in a very poor isolated community. **DBL** will construct a new 4 room primary school, including a teacher's room and toilet block to replace the current dilapidated school.
- **Singdair High School - Bangladesh:** Singdair is located in a poor rural village. The school is in an extremely poor state and has very few facilities. **DBL** will provide building maintenance, furniture, and upgrades to their sporting facilities. We will also establish a library, science laboratory, and computer facilities.
- **Prek Ta Nong Primary School - Cambodia:** **DBL** will construct a new primary school in the village. Currently, 830 students attend morning and afternoon class sessions in appalling conditions.

*"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them."*

**Lady Bird Johnson**

## Campinas Children's Center

Campinas is a major Brazilian city approximately one hour from Sao Paulo. In 2013, UTi team member **Fabiana Nakai, Manager Client Solutions** in Sao Paulo, suggested that we consider supporting a project in Campinas that would involve the construction of a center to provide a wide range of support services including training, family mediation, weekend activities, and counselling to the young people of the nearby favelas.

This project was subsequently approved and was undertaken in partnership with a local organization, **Associação Nazarena Assistencial Beneficente (ANA)**, who had been involved in this work for many years and had operated a similar center. The increasing demand for these services led ANA to a decision to construct a second center providing similar services.

This new center is now complete and includes the **DBL** computer and training center, which can be seen from the photographs, is a wonderful addition to the services available for young people in need of support.

Our thanks to Fabiana for connecting **DBL** with this fabulous project and for thinking of the young people in Campinas!



## Literacy Program Delivered to the People of Manyana in Botswana

For many months now with the wonderful support of **Mike Gibbs, UTi Managing Director** in Zambia and the UTi Botswana team, *DBL* has been developing a library for the village of Manyana. This library is designed to deliver reading opportunities to the people of the village as well as support the local school, which does not have access to a library.



The library books have been provided to the village and are now being sorted and placed for use.

Books are the basic learning tools of a literate society and this development will provide the people of Manyana with opportunities that previously have been denied to them.

*“We cannot do great things on this Earth, Only small things with great love.”*

**Mother Teresa**

## A Whole New World with Literacy

During 2013, many **DBL** supporters donated books and other goods that were shipped to Zimbabwe and distributed to the people of Shumba Ward 2, a rural community some 40 kilometres from the capital city Harare.

The people in this community are mostly unemployed and live on a subsistence basis. They grow their own vegetables and fruit, and some have small incomes from the sale of vegetables and goat milk.

The community has no running water, no sanitation systems, and no electricity. Children walk to school, some as far as 30 kilometers in a day.

Recently **Glenn Mills**, founder and director of *DBL*, was in Zimbabwe working on various projects. While driving in the area of Shumba Ward 2, Glenn and a team of colleagues picked up three young boys and drove them to school. The boys, who were in grades 3 and 4, walked 7 kilometers every day to attend school. Naturally while driving the team talked with the young men and asked them how they enjoyed school and what they studied.

The boy's commented that,

*“We did not like school, it was boring.”*

*“Now we love it and cannot wait to get there each day”*

When asked why they now love school, when previously they had not, their responses highlighted why *DBL* undertakes the work it does. The boys replied,

*“Someone just gave our school and community a lot of books.”*

*“Every day we get to read a book at school and our teachers read us a book. “*

*“Once a week we get to take a book home and show it to our brothers and sisters and we try to read it to our parents who cannot read. “*



Imagine a life without books is now a world of change and excitement, all resulting from the generosity of **DBL** supporters. Thank you.

## A Child's Perspective on HIV

The poem below was written by a twelve year old Zimbabwean girl who had been confronted by the tragedy of HIV/AIDS. The poem is confronting but we feel is a wonderful window into the mind of young people, who grow up with the tragedy of disease following their every step in life.

We share the poem here simply to help us think about disease and its impact on others:

If you're a human being, there are two things involved  
 If you're a woman you're safe,  
 If you're a man, two things are involved  
 Either you're protected by someone,  
 Or you're protecting someone,  
 If protected you're safe,  
 If protecting someone, two things are involved  
 Either you're in the office  
 Or in the battle front  
 In the office you're safe  
 If in the battle front, two things are involved  
 Either you're buried,  
 Or you're used for making manure,  
 If you're buried you're safe,  
 If used for manure, two things are involved  
 Either you're used for fruit trees,  
 Or paper making trees,  
 If used for fruit trees you're safe,  
 If used for paper making trees, there are two things involved,  
 Either you're used for making money,  
 Or for making tissue paper,  
 If used for making money you're safe,  
 If you're used for making tissue paper, two things are involved,  
 Either you're used from the back,  
 Or you're used from the front,  
 If used from the back you're safe,  
 If used from the front, there are two things involved  
 Either you're used by a man,  
 Or by a woman,  
 If used by a man you're safe,  
 If used by a woman, two things are involved,  
 Either you contract minor STI's,  
 Or you get HIV and AIDS,  
 If you contract minor STI's you're safe,  
 If you acquire HIV and AIDS,  
 There is one thing involved  
**YOU WILL DIE**

Let's prevent HIV and AIDS

**-Juliet Musadzirume– Grade 7**

*"Investment  
 in AIDS will  
 be repaid a  
 thousand-  
 fold in lives  
 saved and  
 communities  
 held  
 together."*

**Dr Peter Piot**

*"The global HIV/AIDS epidemic is an unprecedented crisis that requires an unprecedented response. In particular it requires solidarity -- between the healthy and the sick, between rich and poor, and above all, between richer and poorer nations. We have 30 million orphans already. How many more do we have to get, to wake up?" - Kofi Annan*

## 2014 Sibol School Graduates

Five years ago, **DBL** worked with the **Gawad Kalinga Organization** in Manila to construct a community activity centre in the Mangahhan Village.

This centre is the focus of community activities and includes among other services a kindergarten that **DBL** has funded since creation of the Activity Centre.

Every year a new group of young children come to the kindergarten to begin their education journey, and every year another group moves on to primary school. The end of year ceremony for these children is very important and we share here some photographs of the latest graduation.

“Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others.”

- Plato



## 2014 Palmetto200 Relay Supports **DBL**

The 2014 Palmetto200, was a huge success for the runners and those who will benefit from the funds raised. The event is an overnight relay where competitors run in a team of 12, covering 200 scenic miles from historic Columbia Speedway in Cayce, South Carolina to James Island just outside Charleston.

The UTi Columbia, South Carolina team again competed in this year's event and we commend them for once again completing this extreme distance and duration with such a wonderful attitude.

While the team is still in the process of collecting contributions, they have to date raised nearly USD 5,000 to support the work of **DBL**.

Thank you to all the wonderful runners and those who sponsored and supported team UTi!



# UTi Reading Branch Delivers to Zimbabwe

The work of **DBL** relies on the commitment of many people and every little contribution counts. A perfect example of this is the assistance provided by the people at the UTi Reading, Pennsylvania branch.

The team recently worked to collect donations of clothing, household goods, toys, books, and many other things to be shipped to Zimbabwe and the people of the Nyaure community.

**DBL** has developed a strong relationship with this community and we are proud to be able to assist them with the additional support by the UTi team in Reading.

Thank you so much for your continued support, every little bit counts!



*“Generosity consists not the sum given, But the manner in which it is bestowed”*

**Mahatma Gandhi**



DBL is on Facebook providing a new opportunity to track the people and organizations we support across the globe. Join our following by typing **Delivering Better Lives Foundation** within the Facebook search function and selecting “Like.” option.



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**Everyone on this planet has a right to  
a roof over their head  
food in their stomach  
an education  
and basic healthcare**



**“Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of the Delivering Better Lives newsletter”**

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