



UTi Charitable Foundation

"Delivering Better Lives"



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# DBL *newsletter*

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*"Humanity needs heroic leadership from those who see all life as precious."*

**Bryant McGill**

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## Delivering Better Lives and You

**Delivering Better Lives** was created as a multi-faceted charitable foundation based on a belief that everyone, regardless of their economic or social position, has the basic rights to:

- A roof over their head
- Food in their stomach
- An education
- Basic healthcare

Our name **Delivering Better Lives (DBL)** was chosen for its double meaning that while delivering better lives to those in need we are at the same time delivering better lives to ourselves. The work of **DBL** is a two way street that not only provides the opportunity to improve the lives of those at a disadvantage but also creates pathways that, once followed, will result in an improved world for many.



Our pathways are about participation and commitment, not only to those in need but to yourself. Those of us lucky enough to have worked with communities to deliver improved lives have experienced the profound impact on their own lives from a psychological and physical perspective. These new perspectives equip us even more to deliver better lives, and it is a never ending circle of life where good deeds result in better lives that, in turn, result in more good deeds.

The increasing work of **DBL** creates more opportunities in which to participate but all of our work starts with you.

Please remember we are here to facilitate action to improve lives in all of our communities. While we do not directly donate funds to the organizations and people we serve, our "hands on" works and project donations create sustainable infrastructure in the areas of Health, Education and Community Infrastructure.

Please do not hesitate to provide us with your ideas, recommend projects for our work, and help us build a better life for all.

**Glenn Mills**



## New DBL Projects Approved

The work of *DBL* continues to grow with the following new projects approved in April:

- **Mangahhan Village, Manila, Philippines** – *DBL* has approved the ongoing support of the Mangahhan village kindergarten. The facility is located within a major slum redevelopment where most families are unemployed or have limited employment. The kindergarten was established in 2012 with funding from *DBL*.
- **Escola Primaria Amilcar Cabral -Beira, Mozambique** – *DBL* has approved funding for major renovations to this school, which is located very close to the UTi office in Beira. Project planning is currently underway to determine equipment needs and provisions.
- **San Jorge Children's Centre, San Jorge- Buenos Aries, Argentina** – This centre was established to provide a broad range of support to the young people of San Jorge in an effort to prevent them from falling into the mire of street crime, drugs, and anti social behavior. *DBL* has agreed to provide funding for the extension of the centre's facilities, enabling them to provide services to more children.

Mozambique and Argentina are first time projects for *DBL* in these countries. Each project provides exciting opportunities for **Delivering Better Lives** to thousands of children and should be viewed proudly by all.

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."

Malcolm X

## Meet "Tex," the Newest Member of the *DBL* Team



Part of the fundraising efforts from our 2012 *DBL* Global Walkathon were allocated to support Guide Dogs for the Blind in Budapest, Hungary. The organization provides for the acquisition, training and field provision of guide dogs for visually impaired people. Through *DBL*'s support, a number of seeing eye dogs will be sponsored in efforts to improve the quality of life for visually impaired individuals. The program recently welcomed "Tex" (pictured left), the first *DBL* funded guide dog.

Tex has just begun his formal training and we look forward to providing updates on his progress, graduation, and final placement.

Please join us in welcoming Tex to the *DBL* family!



## Neil Howard Schroenn Clinic - Zimbabwe



In 2012, *DBL*, in partnership with the UTi Zimbabwe team, completed the construction of the first ever clinic and hospital at Nyaure in Zimbabwe. Prior to the clinic's opening, members of the Nyaure community had to walk up to 20 Kilometres to address any serious medical issues.

Impact on the local community has been profound, and their gratitude to UTi has been beyond what could have been imagined.

*"To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die"*

**Thomas Campbell**

A key player in this project was **Neil Schroenn**, former Managing Director of UTi Zimbabwe, who recently sadly recently lost a long battle with cancer. We all join Neil's wife and children in mourning the loss of a wonderful man. In recognition of his life and commitment to people, the Nyaure Clinic was recently renamed the Neil Howard Schroenn Clinic at a ceremony attended by Neil's mother and father. A wonderful recognition of a grand man!



## "We Can and We Will" by Mungo Park

In 2012, UTi South Africa team member **Mungo Park** wrote a song about DBL's efforts, the lyrics of which are below. We thank **Mungo** and all UTi team members who joined him to sing the song at the 2012 UTi Sales Conference in Nice, France.

### "We Can and We Will"

You can't move a mountain,  
Even if you try  
You can't push the ocean back  
Or turn a river dry  
You can't stop the sun  
Or pluck the moon out of the sky  
But you can save a life  
With DBL and UTi

You can give them education  
And a bed to lay their head  
You can stop their starving hunger  
And give them three meals instead  
You can make them safe and wanted  
Dry each tear from their eye  
And you can do it all  
With DBL and UTi

Yes we can do it as a team  
And yes we can help to build a dream  
And we will DO IT because we can  
We CAN and We WILL



**Mungo Park** (left) and **Grant Spencer** (right) lead the UTi Global Sales team in the DBL themed song, "We Can and We Will."

With hearts and minds that move the world  
We're taking one step at a time  
We are reaching out across the globe  
Saying put your hand in mine

Yes we can do it as a team  
And yes we can help to build a dream  
And we will DO IT because we can  
We CAN and We WILL  
We CAN and We WILL  
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## DBL Plans First Project in Argentina

One of the key aims of *Delivering Better Lives* is to undertake projects in as many countries as UTi has a business presence. This is not always an easy task as projects also must meet criteria established by the foundation. Among these are the request for project participation by a local UTi team and commitment of project sustainability.



*“Childhood, after all, is the first precious coin that poverty steals from a child.”*

**Anthony Horowitz**

We are happy to share with our family the approval and current planning of our first project in Argentina. DBL will partner with **Potencialidades**, a local organization established in 1996 that provides opportunities and services to disadvantaged children in efforts to prevent and overcome social problems.

DBL has committed funds to enable the substantial extension of the Potencialidades facility in San Jorge, located in the city of San Fernando de la Buena Vista in northern Buenos Aires. San Jorge has a population of 70,000 and currently, 150 children attend the centre each day. DBL's efforts will enable services to be extended to a greater number of children. This project has measurable outcomes that will deliver better lives in the short, medium and long term. Work is currently being planned and will be completed this year.

It is always gratifying to see projects commence in different countries. We look forward to *Delivering Better Lives* in additional countries over the coming years and enabling the people of UTi to share in the joy of changing lives for the better.

## UTi Team Members Join the Children of Dekel and Ofer Schools in Holiday Celebration

The Dekel and Ofer schools in Israel provide educational therapy to children with autism, cerebral palsy, and down syndrome. This past year, *DBL* undertook two projects at the Dekel school, one to create a Snoezelen therapy room and the other to provide instruments for their musical program. *DBL* is currently undertaking a project at Ofer School in Haifa to create a specialized playground through the upgrade and renovation of their current facilities.

UTi team members recently gathered to celebrate the Jewish Holiday of Purim with the children of both schools. UTi Israel team members volunteered their time with the children preparing Hamantaschen, decorating masks, face painting, singing, and dancing. A fun time was had by all and the relationship between DBL, UTi and the schools was further strengthened.



## DBL Fundraising Events

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The Driebergenrun took place on the 2 March 2013 in Driebergen, The Netherlands. Seven members of the UTi EMENA GCS team took to the course to increase awareness of *DBL* and raise some much needed funds.

*"No one has ever become poor by giving"*

Anne Frank

Congratulations and thank you to each of the following amazing individuals:

- Kirsten Klag
- Wolfgang Lenz
- Vincent Bolea
- Michel Briede
- Sander VanderMeer
- Michael Stolt
- Judith Sterz



## Palmetto200



The Palmetto200 Relay Race is an event where teams of 12 cover 200 miles from historic Columbia Speedway to James Island in South Carolina.

UTi's Columbia branch fielded a team known as "The Supply Chain Gang," that participated in the overnight event on 12-13 April. To date, the team has raised \$3,100 in donations to *Delivering Better Lives*. Our thanks and congratulations go out to team members:

- Greg Younghans
- Adri Pienaar McCaskill
- Arn Sahadow
- Heinz Kosser
- Andrew Bridges
- Erin Allwardt
- Gerald Perritt
- Tim Sartin
- Shelley Stokes
- Roslyn Platt
- Wes Ritner
- Bryan Wortinger



And team supporters **Haiden Smith and Ross McCaskill**

# Biking ProBono

**Edgar Treischl** will soon begin the journey of a lifetime with the goal to cycle 2,546 kilometers. The ride will follow the "Way of Saint James," commencing in Munich, travelling through Switzerland, France and Spain, and finishing at Saint James' burial site at Santiago de Compostela.



Funds raised by Edgar's journey will support DBL's Helenvale Primary School Project in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Edgar was introduced to DBL by his friend and UTi Germany team

member **Bert Brandt**. His quest also aims to raise awareness of the plight of the impoverished in the Helenvale township.



DBL wishes Edgar all the best on his journey, and we thank him for being one of the many willing to make a difference! We look forward to sharing updates on Edgar's progress in future newsletters.

To find out more about Edgar's incredible journey and his determination to support a community in need, please visit [www.bikingprobono.eu](http://www.bikingprobono.eu).

To find out more about this DBL project or to offer your support, please visit [www.deliveringbetterlives.org](http://www.deliveringbetterlives.org).

*"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."*

**John Bunyan**

## Follow Delivering Better Lives on Facebook



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**Help to make the world a better place**



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

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