



UTI Charitable Foundation  
"Delivering Better Lives"  


# DBL Newsletter

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## Delivering Better Lives - Our Role & Work



"When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life or in the life of another"

Helen Keller

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Over the past couple of years, UTi has gone through many changes as they address the challenges of a complex business world. Given these changes, we felt it was important for new members of the team to understand the role of **DBL** and perhaps refresh all other team members of our work.

**DBL** was created to ensure that UTi was in a position to give back to the communities in which they did business while providing team members with the opportunity to participate first hand in helping needy communities across the UTi world – if you like it was chicken soup for our souls.

**DBL** is built on a fundamental belief that everyone in this world has basic rights to:

- A roof over their heads
- An education
- Basic healthcare
- Food in their stomachs

This fundamental belief led to a **DBL** focus in the three areas of:

- Education
- Health
- Community Infrastructure

We believed that the network of global UTi offices, combined with skills learnt through business with our logistics knowledge, placed the foundation in an ideal position of **Delivering Better Lives** across the UTi world - and we have gone on to prove that this is the case.

Every member of the UTi family can be proud of the fact that since our establishment, **DBL** has undertaken work in over 40 countries, **Delivering Better Lives** to well over one million people!

Remember this is your organization, and we welcome all to participate and/or provide input to our work. There are many ways that you can help. If you have an idea or would like to find out how to assist in our work, please email me at [gmills@deliveringbetterlives.org](mailto:gmills@deliveringbetterlives.org)

Kind regards,

Glenn Mills

## New Projects for *DBL*

The following new projects have been approved:

**An Hoa School - An Hoa Village, Vietnam:** An Hoa is approximately two hours from Ho Chi Minh City in the Long An region. The school is in an appalling state with only two small rooms with insufficient and unsuitable furniture and equipment. DBL will renovate and upgrade the current facilities, as well as construct two new school rooms.

**Lorenzo's Home Project Variation - Bangkok, Thailand:** Lorenzo's Home is an orphanage for children who are HIV positive. The children at the facility have lost both of their parents and come from extremely impoverished regions of Thailand. DBL is currently working on a project to create a sporting and playground facility as well as provide much needed furniture, equipment, and hot water services to each housing unit. The planned work is currently in jeopardy due to extreme flooding in the area. The original project is being extended to include work to prevent flooding. A vegetable garden will also be incorporated to reduce costs and increase self-sufficiency.

*Just because a child's parents are poor or uneducated is no reason to deprive the child of basic human rights to health care, education and proper nutrition."*

**Marian Wright Edelman**

## Working to Improve Education and Decrease Malnutrition in Peru

For the last year, **DBL** has partnered with a local group in Peru named **Kusimayo**, to provide significant improvements in the lives of young children in the Puno mountain district. The people of Puno live in the high Andes in extreme weather conditions. Poverty is their everyday companion made significantly worse by the harsh conditions in which they live. Most in the community have limited employment or live subsistence lives.

A program in Puno has been designed around providing quality facilities and services to Kindergarten children. The kindergartens are the base for **DBL's** work, which involves:

- Life education for both mothers and children
- Feeding programs where mothers learn to prepare nutritious meals.
- Personal hygiene and health lessons
- Provision of health & hygiene kits

The Kindergarten program gives the young children of Puno a healthy start in an environment where they will be physically challenged every day. A healthy head start that we hope they will build upon and provide them the opportunity to become teachers within their communities.



## San Jorge Center for Children

The San Jorge Children's Center was created by and is operated by a local charitable organization, Potencialides. The organization establishes centers in extremely poor areas of Buenos Aires. Children are provided with a broad range of out of school activities including meals and counselling to help cope with the challenges of life in their communities as well as provide the support essential to avoid falling into the traps within their communities.

The volunteers at Potencialides are very committed and passionate people, who give freely of their time to make a difference in the lives of others.

*"I raise up my voice – not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard... we cannot succeed when half of us are held back"*

**Malala  
Yousafzai**



Prior to DBL involvement, the center at San Jorge was in poor condition with inadequate space for the number of children being supported, and had poor toilet and kitchen facilities. DBL funded the reconstruction of the building and its extension to a second level.

The community of San Jorge now has a first-class Children's center that we know will see children in the area lead better lives over the coming years. Thank you to UTi Argentina for bringing this project to **DBL** and to the passionate team at Potencialides for their commitment to the young people of San Jorge.

## Educating Girls in Jordan

In the last weeks of July, DBL, in partnership with local Jordanian organization The Promise Welfare Society, completed the renovation and revitalisation of the Al Zubaidya Secondary School near Amman. Al Zubaidya, located in a socially and economically disadvantaged area of Amman, was in appalling condition.

This project was very exciting as it not only involved complete renovation of the school's facilities (see photos), but the development of a range of programs aimed at improving the quality of education, social acceptance and most importantly the creation of opportunities for disadvantaged young women in society.

Programs assisted parents and teachers. Students from more privileged schools were teamed with the project to help the girls of Al Zubaidya, resulting in relationships being built and new opportunities being created. The DBL project and new programs will see the girls from Al Zubaidya benefit in a range of areas over many more years.





“Even the smallest act of caring for another person is like a drop of water— it will make ripples throughout the entire pond”

Jessy and  
Bryan  
Matteo



Once again the Walkathon for 2014— our fifth year— has come, been a great success, and is now a fond memory.

We thought this was an opportune time to revisit our original objectives from when we first established the Walkathon (which later became the Walkathon and Community Week) and reflect on what we have achieved.

1. The **DBL** Walkathon was designed to be a healthy body, healthy mind activity where we could all come together as a global family.
2. Our global focus is on helping others in our community who are in desperate need.
3. We felt that this could provide a valuable fundraising event.

In the five years, we have had incredible support from the UTi family and raised over USD 300,000! Everyone who has participated can be proud of their efforts and the work that these funds have enabled.

Again in 2014, we had teams throughout the UTi world join in and show that there are many ways to participate while helping to meet the overall objective. The UTi team in Spain once again held a golf tournament and raised a large sum totalling USD 18,000. The UTi team in Portland, Oregon, set a goal to improve their 2013 efforts and were unbelievably successful with a wide range of week-long events that raised over USD 7,700. Every event no matter how small or large and every dollar donated makes a difference. Thank you to all who took part, it is humbling to see the support provided to **Delivering Better Lives**.

We will be back in 2015 and look forward to your support, as we continue to strive **Delivering Better Lives!**



## UTi Israel Leads the Way in Community Engagement

*"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."*

For the past few years, the UTi team in Israel has demonstrated a strong commitment to their local community. The team's recent efforts exemplify how we can help community organizations, using resources already at our hands with little or no cost.

The Dekel School in Israel provides educational services to children with broad ranging disabilities, including autism. Our relationship with the school has been strong, and the UTi Israel team has actively participated in various school activities throughout the years. Recently, they have taken this engagement to a new level

using their business skills to help Dekel School explore issues and develop strategies. While working with the team at Dekel School, the team in Tel Aviv saw a need and invited them to use the UTi's conference room for a strategic planning session. A session was then facilitated to assist the Dekel team explore issues in a professional business environment. The session was at little cost to UTi but saw extraordinary benefit to the Dekel School.

Thank you to the Israeli team for their global leadership in this area.



Edward  
Everett  
Hale

## UTi World Cup Office Pool



To celebrate the 2014 World Cup and raise much needed funds for **DBL**, 1,552 UTi team members and clients took part in the first ever **UTi World Cup Office Pool**. Team members from across the globe selected their choice for winners from the first round matches through the finals.

Congratulations to **Troy McInally** and **Ishwar Naidu**, our first place pool winners who tied with a total of 148 points! Each received an official World Cup FIFA soccer ball and 2014 World Cup Emblem short sleeve t-shirt. Coming in a close second with 146 points each were **Monica Franco**, **Jim Iliadis**, and **Yovin Sewraj**, who each received a 2014 World Cup Emblem t-shirt.

For every participant in the pool, UTi contributed one USD to DBL, resulting in USD 1,552 being donated to **Delivering Better Lives**.

**DBL** would like to thank all participants, those who were involved in organizing the pool, and UTi for the contribution.



## Guiding the Visually Impaired in Hungary

It is now three years since **DBL** began a program of support for the visually impaired people in Hungary. To date, the program has supplied ten people with Seeing Eye or Guide Dogs, providing a quality of life that has before been denied to them.

This wonderful program is life changing for those people who receive a Guide dog. It is also a rewarding experience for the local team who work with the visually impaired to help train and develop the Guide dogs. As the photographs seen on this page reflect, the local team is not only engaged with the program but really enjoying the opportunity to make a difference.

*“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty”*

**Mother Teresa**



Our thanks go to the team in Hungary for all your hard work and support. The Seeing Eye Dog program is a wonderful example of how our commitment to the communities in which we do business makes the world a better place.

## UTi Nordics-Dach Team Delivers Aid to Bosnia

In May of this year, Bosnia was struck by a major flood that saw homes and other buildings destroyed, created broad scale destruction, and left many thousands of people homeless.

The UTi Nordics-Dach team saw this tragedy and responded quickly to collect clothing, bedding, food and water. The team also managed the trucking of these goods to Bosnia for distribution. This was an incredible team effort that saw relief to many thousands of people, and we wanted to acknowledge their valiant efforts. We thank the Nordics-Dach team for their passion and commitment to **Delivering Better Lives** to others. What a team!

## Helping Christchurch Rise from the Rubble

It is now over three years since the city of Christchurch, New Zealand was hit by a horrific earthquake that destroyed much of the city and caused many deaths. Shortly after the tragedy, **DBL** began to explore how they might help with the reconstruction. The decision was made to utilize funds raised in the 2012 Walkathon to assist in the reconstruction process. It was then necessary to work our way through the many needs to determine which project we could provide support.

*"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, Whispering 'it will be happier....'"*

**Alfred Tennyson**

During the selection process, the team at UTi in Christchurch were major players, providing various recommendations. The final decision made was to provide assistance to the reconstruction of Cholmondley House, a well respected and highly regarded community organization that has provided services to the young people in Christchurch for many years.

The overall reconstruction of Christchurch has had many delays as new rules for construction have been developed to protect the community. We can now report that the new Cholmondley House is under construction after a "sod turning" ceremony held on Friday, 6 June 2014. At the ceremony, a young girl who has been helped by Cholmondley wrote and read a speech that was very moving. We have included below a paragraph from the speech to help convey the impact of the work:

*"The staff we have are so caring, happy, supportive, non-judgemental and are always sure that we have positive and great experiences with them. They are always there if we need a chat or to voice any concerns we may have, which gives us the confidence and knowledge that our best interests are in their control."*

We now look forward to seeing the new Cholmondley House facility open and continue servicing the youth of Christchurch.



## Boonchu Dormitory Construction Ceremony



Boonchu Home was established in 2004 by Mrs. Boonchu, who left her employment and used personal funds to create a facility that operates as an orphanage for severely disabled children and young people. The home also serves as a day care center and respite facility for severely disabled children who live with their parents. The facility is located in Chonburi some 2 hours north of Bangkok.

**DBL** has visited the home many times to explore how we can assist. In 2013, we constructed a boundary fence to ensure that the children could not get lost or even worse, wander onto local roads with the consequential potential for disaster.

Following the construction of the boundary fence, which was seen as a priority, **DBL** approved the construction of a new dormitory so that male and female children could be housed in separate buildings. This work has now commenced with a blessing ceremony recently held.

Once completed, the upgraded facility will provide a better quality of life to the children so desperately in need.

## UTi Payroll Contribution Program

For some years now many of the countries within the UTi family have offered a payroll contribution program that enables team members to make voluntary donations to **DBL**. UTi's Payroll Contribution is an easy and efficient way to make donations (tax-deductible in the US) through automatic payroll deductions that will directly influence the philanthropic endeavors **DBL** supports.

**DBL** now has an arrangement with an outside Foundation to match all donations made through the payroll contribution program on a one-for-one basis (up to USD 100,000). This is an incredibly generous gesture which means that every dollar donated to **DBL** through this process is actually two dollars. The program will run through 31 January 2015, with possible extension that will be determined in early 2015.

Even a small pledge can make a great impact when increased by matching funds. Visit the Payroll Contribution listing on the myUTi [Delivering Better Lives page](#) to sign up today!

***"In both charitable giving and service,  
even the smallest change can make a big difference!"***

*"How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*

Anne Frank



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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*"Delivering Better Lives"*

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

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

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

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