

The 2nd Youth World Cup Live Painting Competition & One Dollar for One Poor Child Charity Event

First of all, please allow me, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the 2nd Youth World Cup Live Painting Competition & One Dollar for One Poor Child Charity Event, to express my sincere appreciation and gratification for your attention towards the issue of helping poor children worldwide.

Children are our future, and they need attention from us all to grow healthily. The poor children worldwide need not only attention from governments, charity groups, but also attention from each one of us.

At present, many children are in life-threatening dangers and don't even have the chance to survive for want of clothing and medical care. According to a recent UN report, now 670 million children live in extreme poverty, 370 million children don't have clean drinking water, 180 million children are homeless, and 126 million children have no schooling. According to a report from UNWFP(UN World Food Program), about 6 million children under the age of 5 die premature of hunger or malnutrition annually. And these figures keep on growing each year! The "Les Miserables" is shown live, and how could we pretend not to see simply because it is out of sight. Even though there are many organizations out there helping this disadvantaged group, the mission of helping children is far from accomplished.

We don't have ready formula, but we believe in action. Kindly initiated by Canada Youth Arts Development Foundation, warmly endorsed by UNICEF, *the Youth World Cup Live Painting Competition & One Dollar for One Poor Child Charity Event* aim to change things for better. The "competition" will be a "platform" to raise awareness for the welfare of poor children and the "\$1 charity event" will bring chances of life and education to poor children.

Our humble pebble has caused rippling----last year, via "the 1st World Cup Youth Live Painting Competition", we fundraised for UN's "Schools in Boxes" project, and 38 "Schools in Boxes" became reality and are now providing education opportunities for over 1,500 poor children who suffered from poorness and warfare. David Johnston, Governor General of Canada; Steven Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; Don Davis, MP; Kerry Lynne, MP; Wai Young, MP; Alice Wong, MP; Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, India,



Korea, Ukraine, Italy, and Denmark all sent their support. World media covered the events last year and we received warm responses from far-reaching corners of the world.

As one member of "human being", each one of us has the responsibility and obligation to be more "humane" to help these poor children. And we have to act NOW. Donating one dollar per year, we believe, is a practical way to substantially change poor children's situation.

Sincerely yours,

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