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THE ST. LUIGI ME TO WE COMMITTEE

Every year, the Intermediate students at St. Luigi write 250 word responses to questions pertaining to Free the Children initiatives and to how they would like to change the world. Student responses help teachers and staff at Me to We decide on the leaders for change that will become part of the Me to We Committee for St. Luigi. Every year, 13 wonderful ambassadors for Free the Children work on local and global initiatives trying to make the world a better place.

WE SCARE HUNGER

Halloween is a time for scary stories, costumes and candy. It can also be a time for ordinary students to become superheroes through the We Scare Hunger campaign. Students at St. Luigi collect non-perishable food items during the month of October for the We Scare Hunger campaign and all items collected are donated to local food banks and other social services organizations. St. Luigi has donated over 1000 non-perishable food items and cleaning supplies in the last three years to the Toronto Food Bank, St. Francis Table, The Salvation Army and church food drives.



OUT OF THE COLD

This year, the Me to We Committee has decided to include an out of the cold drive as part of its local initiatives. The Committee has been collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks to deliver to shelters to help others be warmer this winter season.



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BRICK BY BRICK

Over the course of the 2013-2014 school year, the St. Luigi community was able to raise over \$1200.00 for the Brick By Brick campaign. This campaign aims to bring education to an Adopt a Village community. Our Adopt-a-Village of Mwangaza, Kenya thanks us for our contributions which helped Free the Children build a school for the children of the village. Children can now attend school in the village and they also have access to clean drinking water from the hand pumped well that has been added to the outside of the school. The students of the Mwangaza school send their thanks to the St. Luigi community.

UP AND COMING

2015

From September to December, the Me to We Committee has been hard at work completing the local initiatives part of their We Act Mission for the year.

From January to June of 2015, the global initiatives part of the We Act Mission will be completed.

Some up and coming campaigns include:

*We are Rafiki

*We are Love

*We are Silent

*We are Change

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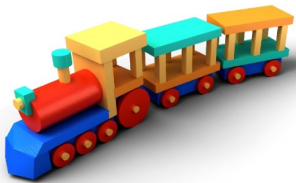


A photo of some students outside the village school in Mwangaza, Kenya that the contributions from the St. Luigi Community helped build.



The Me to We Committee with some of the toys collected during the Toy Drive.

MAKING A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS MERRY!



Christmas is a time of giving and sharing. At St. Luigi, we believe in the magic of the Christmas season. The Me to We ambassadors want to make sure that as many children as possible have the opportunity to have a Merry Christmas. Every year, the Me to We Committee collects new, unwrapped toys to donate to Toy Mountain or to The Salvation Army's Toy Drive. Over the last three years, over 600 toys have

been collected. Toys including puzzles, Barbie dolls and stuffed animals have been lovingly donated by the students, families, and staff of St. Luigi. The students are excited about giving to other less fortunate children and the Intermediate classes have even started a contest to see which class brings in the most toys. Toys will continue to be collected until December 16, 2014 when they will be picked up by The Salvation Army for their annual Toy Drive.



ADOPT A VILLAGE

Although there are many different pillars for change that Free the Children fundraises, the Me to We Committee at St. Luigi decided years ago to work towards the Alternative Income and Sustainable Development pillar. This pillar provides the people of our Adopt a Village of Mwangaza, Kenya with the means to make a future for themselves. It is not entirely a charitable donation because the tools given to the people in Mwangaza allow families to become empowered with financial independence. With a sustainable income, the community has the power to keep their farms thriving for generations.

So far, the St. Luigi community has been able to buy:

- 17 goats at \$50 a piece
- 11 pigs at \$50 a piece
- 7 cows at \$200 a piece
- 3 sewing machines at \$250 a piece



WE DAY 2014

YOUNG PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER TO CHANGE THE WORLD. WE DAY IS A DAY THAT EMPOWERS YOUTH TO FULFILL THEIR POTENTIAL AS AGENTS OF CHANGE. IT INSPIRES A GENERATION TO MAKE A SHIFT FROM "ME TO WE" THINKING. WE DAY IS AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT AND A MOVEMENT OF OUR TIME -A MOVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEADING LOCAL AND GLOBAL CHANGE.

ST. LUIGI MINI WE DAY

For the past two years, the Me to We Committee has put on their own mini We Day in the St. Luigi gym. It is a day of games, prizes, food and music. All proceeds from the mini We Days go to our Adopt a Village of Mwangaza. Students from St. Luigi and some neighbouring schools enjoy a full day with games, such as Potato Sack races, Bucket Balancing and Pin the Tail on the Pig. Prizes are given out and lots of fun is had by all that attend. Students are able to walk about the gym and learn about the Free the Children movement from the Me to We Committee Ambassadors and guest speakers from Free the Children. They are able to purchase items from the Free the Children Foundation such as We are Love buttons and Rafiki chains. The students enjoy a pizza lunch and participate in raffles for amazing prizes. Finally, music fills the gym in the afternoon from musical guests such as Lil' Jaxe, Alecia, More than Us and Max River!

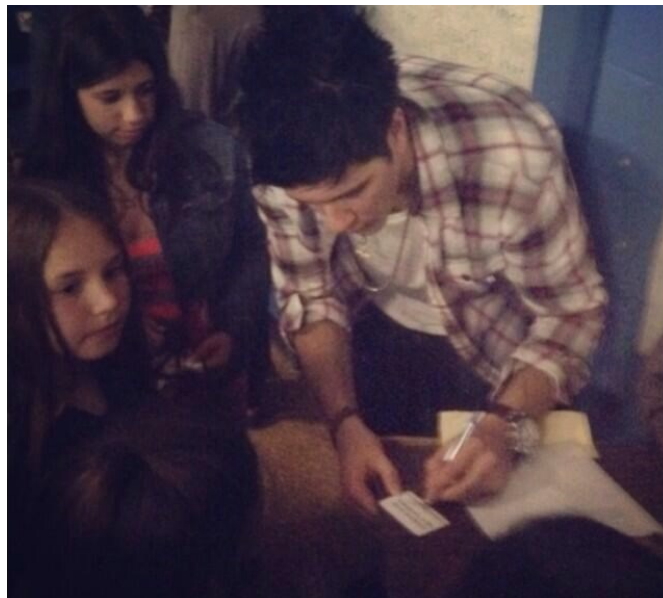
Our Mini WE DAY fundraiser is jam packed and we are looking forward to having an even more successful Mini We Day in 2015!

Max River (@MaxRiverOnline)

2014-05-23, 4:49 PM I had such an amazing time meeting so many amazing fans today at STL. Thank you to everyone who came out.

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Max River signing autographs after his set at the St. Luigi Mini We Day 2014.