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The President's Report:

Transitions

The seasons are quickly changing and my first days of presidency have gone by in a flash. Yet while the time seems to be flying by, HealthyKids International has had an amazingly full and productive summer and the fall promises to be equally enriching and successful. As a result of this hard work, fundraising efforts continue to be steady despite the ongoing economic uncertainty.

While I have been busy getting myself established and meeting with Board members and donors, the HKI team continues to accomplish milestones, host events and forge strong relationships with Toronto's diverse communities. For more details about the creative ways HealthyKids International continues to help elevate the level of paediatric health care around the world, I encourage you to read on!

I look forward to working closely with the HKI team, strategizing and offering my insights and experience, in order to make us even more successful in the coming months. HKI is gaining ground and we have a tremendous opportunity now to capitalize on very strong momentum. We're exploring new and innovative ways to that as we continue to be motivated by our vision of *Healthier Children. A Better World.*

Sincerely,

Ted Garrard
President

HealthyKids International Programs:

Spotlight on *No Boundaries*

HealthyKids International continues to fundraise for the Global Child Health Program (GCHP) at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). The GCHP addresses priority needs in education, research and clinical care internationally through global networks, education, innovation and clinical care. One of SickKids' most successful and longstanding programs continues to be *No Boundaries (NB)*.



Dr. J. Ted Gerstle

Lead by Dr. J. Ted Gerstle, *No Boundaries* is a team of health professionals (dentists, nurses, surgeons and anesthesiologists) who have delivered clinical care and education to developing countries since 1999. The team of highly skilled professionals from SickKids aims to deliver exemplary surgical and dental care to children in under-served parts of the world and to leave their communities with the knowledge and skills that will enable this care to continue.

Since 1999, *NB* teams have treated children and their families in many countries including Ecuador, Vietnam, Nepal, Jamaica, Peru and Ethiopia. The *NB* mission team has grown from 9 Canadian health professionals in 1999 to 36 in 2008.

NB activities include medical assessments, clinical care, surgical/dental interventions, and educational/training collaborations with healthcare providers in sponsoring countries. Presently, the group has committed to a longer-term relationship with partners at Addis Ababa University to achieve more sustainable health outcomes for children in Ethiopia.

Fellowship Update

Our HKI-India program continues to flourish!



On June 3rd, one of our HKI-India Fellows, Dr. Ashwin Mallipatna, was honoured by his peers at SickKids with a 2009 Humanitarian Award. These awards honour students, staff and volunteers at the Hospital who exemplify the qualities of humanitarianism and provide the best possible care to the patients and their families. Our congratulations to Ashwin!

On top of hosting award-winning doctors, this spring HKI also received a generous endorsement from the



Government of India and its Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA). As part of their endorsement, the MOIA presented HKI with a gift of support at the latest Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce Gala in Toronto. The fabulous Gala dinner was held at the Metro Toronto Convention Center and was attended by Eliza O'Neil, Gary Funderlich and Stacia Neale from HKI. Also in attendance were two of our Indian Fellows - Dr. Madhavan Jagadeesan and Dr. Mallipatna, who brought his wife, Sushma.



Bill Rogers, ClubLink President Rai Sahi, RBC VP Tim Rider, and Ni-Met President Anil Shah

HKI was further honoured this summer, as the recipient of proceeds from the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Charity Golf Classic. Though rain threatened in the morning, we ended up with lots of sun and blue skies for the sold-out tournament, held on August 18th at Wyndance Golf Club in Uxbridge. The delicious food at the stations scattered throughout the course and served at the dinner was graciously provided by The Host Fine Indian Cuisine. Other sponsors of the highly successful day include Pharma Science, Bennett Jones LLP, Chitiz Pathak, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India and RBC Royal Bank. Excellent silent and live auction items were also donated. A dinner with the Turkish Ambassador was up for auction, as well as a beautiful Rolex watch. The day of golf, dinner and live and silent auctions were all emceed

by Parminder Singh, the Punjabi voice of CBC's Hockey Night in Canada and the Toronto Raptors.

This tournament is the latest in a series of events that continues to strengthen the partnership between HealthyKids International and the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce. "The ICCC is thrilled to support such a forward-thinking initiative as HealthyKids International through our annual Charity Golf Classic," explains Rahul Mehta, Tournament Chair. "The premise of HKI-India's work is innovative and will allow more children in India to gain access to high quality medical care because of the extensive training these doctors will receive at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto."



Pradeep Sood, Ontario Chamber of Commerce Chair, Asha Luthra, ICCC President, Kundan Joshi, ICCC VP & Rahul Mehta, Tournament Chair

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of Mehta and his committee, the tournament raised almost \$27,000 for HKI-India. Thank you so much to everyone who made this day a success!

To celebrate all of HKI-India's accomplishments this year, we are hosting an intimate reception at the Hospital on September 24th. The goal of the evening is to introduce the India Fellowship program to members of the Indo-Toronto community. As part of the evening, we have asked HKI-India Fellow Dr. Madhavan Jagadeesan to host a pre-reception tour, in order to share the amazing work that he and his colleagues are doing in the Ophthalmology Clinic at the Hospital. As well, guests will have the opportunity to meet our other HKI-India Fellow, Dr. Manish Parakh and hear from them, as well as other Hospital officials, about how their training at SickKids continues to impact children's health in India. We are most honoured to welcome Mrs. Preeti Saran, Consul-General of India, as our special guest.

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Upcoming Events:

the850RACE

The850Race is a challenge that to many seems impossible. On September 13, 2009, extreme athlete and former SickKids parent Brian Culbert and his running partner, Canada's former top triathlete Dave Battison, will attempt to run *the entire length* of the Bruce Trail – all 850 km – in a relay in just *six days*. That works out to just under **2 marathons a day each**, for 6 days in a row! Brian and Dave are setting their sights to push the limits of possibility and make real global change with their efforts.



Brian Culbert
& his son Matthew

Brian's drive stems from his commitment to The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and its work for children worldwide. When Brian's son Matthew was born, his family spent almost two weeks at SickKids and bore witness to the seemingly insurmountable challenges faced by so many children every day. Brian was inspired by their bravery and determination, and wanted to take on his own seemingly insurmountable endeavour to honour their journeys. Additionally, Brian recognized that there are hundreds of millions of children all over the world who could only dream of receiving the kind of care Matthew received at SickKids, and he wanted his efforts to significantly affect the health outcomes of at least some of those children.

So *The850Race* has joined forces with HealthyKids International to raise funds for HKI's Global Child Health Program (GCHP). Lead by the Office of International Affairs at SickKids, the GCHP is a collection of international outreach activities that will give the selected countries the support to implement systemic changes in their healthcare delivery models. The GCHP aims to improve the paediatric care delivered in these countries by focusing on developing and training key healthcare workers, improving opportunities for health leaders and institutions to share knowledge and creating healthcare delivery systems that reach out to some of the most underserved communities worldwide.



Brian Culbert & Dave
Battison training for The850
on the Haig Glacier in
Alberta

Dear Brian,
I want to give you
this money to give
to the kids that really
need it.
francesca

Donation letter from a
6 year-old supporter

If you are interested in supporting Brian and Dave on their Bruce Trail odyssey (they're hoping to set a Guinness Record!), please visit their website at www.the850race.com, and make a donation. You can also get updates on Twitter (@the850race).

Help them help us help others. As Brian likes to say, forward motion cures all.

On October 24, 2009, the dynamic mother/daughter duo of Sonia and Jacquie Labatt are hosting

*CapaciTea*TM, a multi-generational celebration of women supporting, empowering, and inspiring each other – here and around the world. Emceed by MTV’s Jessi Cruickshank, this special afternoon tea (being held at Jacquie’s home) is not only an occasion to socialize and network with women of all ages, but will also be a means to inspire young women poised on the thresholds of their careers. During the afternoon, Suzanne Davis, President of Christie’s Canada, will auction off once-in-a-lifetime professional mentorship opportunities for these young ladies, graciously donated by a variety of Canada’s most influential women and their organizations.

These mentorships offer entrée into the inner workings of some of today’s most sought-after professions. All proceeds raised will go to support HealthyKids International, and help build paediatric healthcare capacity in some of the developing world’s most underserved communities.



Join us for *CapaciTea*TM and bid on exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime experiences* with:

Toronto International Film Festival
House & Home Media
Toronto Life
Entertainment Tonight Canada
Fashion Television
Holt Renfrew
Jessi Cruickshank & MTV
Deepa Mehta

*So You Think You Can Dance Canada*TM
Fashion Design Council of Canada
Pink Tartan
Lisa LaFlamme & CTV News
Maclean’s
LaineyGossip & etalk
HELLO! Canada

Tickets are \$125 each, and reserve bids begin at \$1,000 per experience.

For detailed descriptions of all our fantastic mentorship packages, to purchase tickets or to find out about how to place absentee bids on any of the experiences, please contact Stacia Neale at (416) 813.6166 x 2026 or stacia.neale@sickkidsfoundation.com.

* Mentorship experience coordination will take place between the experience provider and the recipient and in no way is the responsibility of HealthyKids International.

Announcements:

Our website has been updated! Visit www.healthykidsinternational.com today!

Stay tuned for our new marketing campaign, coming this fall!

We have 352 followers on Twitter (@healthy_kids) and 82 fans on Facebook!

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