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SERVICE AND CITIZENSHIP AT HCS

STUDENTS CHALLENGE STUDENTS

March 2 - 8th is Global Citizens Week:
For details, see globalcitizenkelowna.org



**To
CHANGE
their
world!**
MARCH 7TH
**KELOWNA COMMUNITY
THEATRE**



HERITAGE STUDENTS ENTER THE MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

IF I ASKED YOU which NGO's

were tackling which MGD's in which LDC's, you might think I was talking nonsense --or at best, that I was using typical teenager shorthand like that on MSN. But ask one of our GCP students at HCS, they can tell you what's going on. An NGO is a **non-governmental organization**, which typically work to address issues like poverty, war, and human rights. These issues are summed up in the UN's **Millennium Development Goals**, of which there are 8 (see box at right). LDC's are **lesser developed countries**, most of which are in Africa, and which are most in need of help to meet the MDG's. This week our Grade 11's are studying the work that various NGO's do to help LDC's reach the MDG's. They will use what they learn to prepare a presentation for the **Millennium Scholarship Challenge** at the Kelowna Community Theatre on March 7th. Students have the opportunity to win between one and five thousand dollars, which they then donate to the NGO of their choice.

In both Old Testament and New, God's command to help the poor and oppressed

is clear. We could begin with his plan for Jubilee in Leviticus 25, or study commands for compassion in Proverbs 22, 23, and 31. Isaiah and the prophets demand more than simple charity for the poor, they demand justice. When Jesus announced his ministry in Luke 4, he did so by referencing both Isaiah and Leviticus, and he closed his ministry by warning us that when he comes again, he wants to find us ministering to the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned (Matt. 25). So when you ask yourself, "WWJD?", the answer just might be to help an NGO meet an MDG in an LDC.

Stephen Lewis will address our students at the Millennium Challenge. Mr. Lewis was Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, and the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa. He was named "Canadian of the Year" by Maclean's, and one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine.



The UN Millennium Development Goals (see www.un.org/millenniumgoals)

- 1: ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER
- 2: ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION
- 3: PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN
- 4: REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY
- 5: IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH
- 6: COMBAT HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND OTHER DISEASES
- 7: ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
- 8: DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT



Students will also hear Craig Kielburger, who founded "Free the Children" when he was just 12 years old.

Free the Children (.org) is now the largest network of children helping children on the planet. Craig will open the Millennium Challenge with an inspiring address to a capacity crowd of teens at the KCT.

SEND A STUDENT TO MEXICO

Clean Your House.

What's the connection? Well, when you hire one of our *STUDENT TEAMS* during Spring Break to clean, paint, build, repair, move, at your home or business, you will be helping these young people earn tuition to a unique educational and service program in Mexico. For just \$50, a team of *FOUR* workers (3 students and 1 adult) will descend on your house or place of work for as many hours as you like and provide excellent value for your contribution. In fact, we think you will be so impressed with the quality of these young people and their work, that you will want to give a little extra (and earn a tax-deductible receipt as well). You'll find our students are willing to go an extra mile to earn an extra mile toward Mexico.

* All Extra-Mile Pledges are 100% Tax- deductible.

<u>Sampe Jobs done by GCP Students:</u>	<u>Regular Cost Per Hour</u>		<u>Suggested</u>
	<u>for Team of 4:</u>		<u>Extra Mile Pledge</u>
<u>Prepare a garden for planting</u>	4 hours X \$50	=	\$200
<u>Clean a backyard (including dog poop!)</u>	8 hours X \$50	=	\$400
<u>Painting (indoor or outdoor)</u>	8 hours X \$50	=	\$400
<u>Repair (fences, driveways, roofing, etc *)</u>	12 hours X \$50	=	\$600

* For Construction and Reno jobs, we will send an adult with construction experience.

Students on Heritage Christian School's Global Citizenship Program earn between 14 and 16 government-approved credits while in Mexico, and spend more than 50 hours helping with community service projects at a School for Disabled Children, and building a home for single mothers.

For a 100% tax-deductible donation, you can also send one of our work-teams to help someone else for charity. If you know a local charity or individual in need of cleaning or small-scale construction help, one of our teams will clean, repair, or paint for them on your behalf at the same costs indicated above.

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