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WOW
DAY

27 September 2012

Your commitment to
a better world.

"You cannot imagine what your effort on WOW-Day means for the children here in the rain forest. They will now be able to go to school for a whole year. You have made it possible that hundreds of children can learn to read and write." Manuela Barriga, volunteer, Estrella del Sur, Peru

A campaign by the Friends of Waldorf Education, in cooperation with the European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education (ecswe) and the German Federation of Waldorf Schools.



Bund der Freien Waldorfschulen



Freunde der Erziehungskunst Rudolf Steiners

"WOW-Day is our way of supporting the global Waldorf network. The idea is wonderful, since WOW-Day gives us a real idea of the inequality that prevails in the world. The campaign brings the need for help closer to us and makes it easier to understand, because those whom we support are in many ways just like us and they do the same thing. It is important to see that there is hope, that we can help and that our support makes a difference."

Pia Pale, Coordinator, Federation for Steiner Waldorf Education in Finland

Has your school joined yet?

On **27 September 2012** we are joining forces **all around the world**. With your ideas and activities such as crafts and sales campaigns, sponsored runs or jobs in companies, we will raise money to support Waldorf and social initiatives around the globe. – **Join us and together we can ensure better life perspectives for many disadvantaged children!**

Never before have so many Waldorf schools from so many countries participated on WOW-Day as last year. In 2011, students from nearly 230 Waldorf schools in 25 countries collected more than 300,000 € with extraordinary dedication and a lot of enthusiasm. Their contribution is helping to support disadvantaged children in more than 50 organisations in more than 20 countries. Overall, students have collected about two million Euros on the various WOW-Day's so far. This allows children living in difficult circumstances to benefit from access to independent education.

You can help schools, kindergartens and remedial education organisations receive vital support for their social projects.

As a result, children in Kenya can attend school, in Brazil education can show the alternatives to a criminal life in the favelas and people with disabilities in Georgia can live a dignified life.

On the one hand WOW-Day is a global campaign, which supports children in need. On the other hand it brings the world into the classroom.

Under www.freunde-waldorf.de you can find everything you need as a download: a lot of ideas for implementing WOW-Day, information about the projects that you can support, photos and press material for local newspapers, legal information for the school, sample employment contracts for companies, etc.

Applications are open to all students in grades 1 to 13. For registration it is sufficient if the contact person at your school sends us an email to berlin@freunde-waldorf.de. The money that you collect from your activities will be transferred to the Friends of Waldorf Education and we will forward the donations at 100 percent to the projects in need of help.

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The initiatives that will receive support through WOW-Day are listed on our website. **Here are some examples of initiatives that are in need of support.**

Have you ever heard of a place in Israel, where Bedouins, Muslim, Christian and Druze children go to school together? In Shfa'ram, an Arab town in northern Israel (Galilee), there is an Arab Waldorf initiative since 2004. The Olive Tree project has a kindergarten and a Waldorf school. You can help support a common and peaceful educational environment, which is very important for the region.



Shfa'ram Waldorf School, Israel



Social Project ACOMI, Brasilien

What does it mean to grow up in a favela in São Paulo? Access to good education is extremely difficult. The Associação Comunitária Micael works with disadvantaged children and young people in the district of Jardim Boa Vista. Through your support a kindergarten and several after-school activities may address the special needs of the favela children.

People with disabilities have a very difficult life in Georgia. The TEMI community in the village Gremi sets new standards in the country. People with mental disabilities, young people from the orphanage and people with shattered family backgrounds work together and care for each other. Without support, they will end up on the streets again.



Community TEMI, Georgien



Lesedi Waldorf School, South Africa

What would you do if you could not attend public schools because they are in bad shape? In Madietane, the Lesedi Waldorf School offers an alternative. Seven teachers provide education in a loving way for about 150 children. Among other things, you can help ensure that the boarding school for children coming from poor families will be supported.

Can you imagine what it means for young children to live in the mega-metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City? In the middle of the urban jungle there are three Waldorf kindergartens: Dieu Giac, Thanh Lan and the Tho Trang Child Care Center. They all work towards a healthy balance within the children, a rhythmically structured daily routine and a safe and quiet place full of loving care.



Kindergartens, Vietnam



Social Project CES Waldorf, Colombia

Do you know that on the outskirts of Bogotá, children of rural refugees receive loving care under very difficult conditions? CES Waldorf helps with tutoring, as well as handicraft, music and theatre activities. A doctor treats diseases and consequences of malnutrition. In addition, you can help ensure that children can go on school trips that will help them enjoy life.

Who looks after small children in South African townships? In 50 Educare Centres, dedicated women, the "mommys" as they are locally called, take the children away from the streets and give them a space to play and learn in a world without drugs, crime and violence. You can help by supporting teacher training so that more "mommys" can look after disadvantaged children.



Educare Centres, South Africa



Shanti Waldorf School, Nepal

Shanti Sewa Griha does social work for people, living at the margins of society: the poor, lepers and people with disabilities. Over time a Waldorf school, a kindergarten, a farm, workshops, a clinic, a soup kitchen and even two villages have developed. Thus more than 1500 people have found protection, care and a meaningful task.

Register now and help!

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