



tribute to Derek Lamb.

by Street Kids International Founder Peter Dalglis

first met Derek during the earliest days of Street Kids International, when I was working from a borrowed office on Front Street East. I had just returned from two years in the Darfur region of Sudan, assisting children who had been displaced on account of a famine of biblical proportions. And I needed help.

I had the idea of creating an animated film that would teach destitute urban children around the world about a new disease called AIDS. It was only 1988, but I knew that this disease if unchecked would devastate the urban poor. In particular, I was worried about the vulnerability of street children.



Derek became a forceful advocate of the need to protect street children from AIDS. More than any other person, he contributed to the early success of Street Kids International. His artistic prowess put us on the map. And the animated video, Karate Kids, he created with Michael Scott and Kaj Pindal was eventually translated into more than 20 languages, and has been distributed in more than 60 countries. It's an extraordinary legacy for any one person.

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letter from our Executive Director.



During my career I have had the opportunity to work in both large and small organizations. One important lesson that I have learned from my experience is that there are no limits to what a niche organization can accomplish. Street Kids International can make a significant impact on the problem of youth living in poverty if it is focused, energetic and well managed. My view of Street Kids when I was a volunteer and now as its Executive Director is that this organization is a model organization that is committed to making a real difference.

Street Kids is well positioned to be an important player in the Canadian response to the critical issue of youth and poverty. Our approach to working in developing countries is based on proven and effective strategy and programmes. We focus on building the capacity of local and regional organizations and youth workers to be able to more effectively deliver services and help local youth on a path out of poverty. Our approach to our work in developing countries is also the approach we should adopt for our work in Canada.

As a small non government organization we are continually challenged to raise sufficient funds to cover the costs of programs and a small office in Canada. We depend heavily on our network of donors across Canada who continue to give so generously to our work. However, sustainability is an issue that will not go away, and our focus on adopting fundraising strategies that are proving to be effective is critical in facing this challenge. Staff and volunteers at Street Kids have the knowledge and skills required to do this work and are confident the results [continued on page 2](#)

the Amazing Race comes to Markham.

The Mayor's Youth Task Force, a group of dedicated teens with an active voice in the Town of Markham, are hosting The Amazing Markham Race to celebrate youth, to introduce youth to community spaces and to raise funds for Street Kids International. Students are competing for a spot in the event by trying to be the top fund-raisers at their school. The fundraising site to stay on the leading edge of event fundraising. For more information contact markham@streetkids.org.



thanks to our Montreal volunteers!

A group of hard working and dedicated volunteers have run a great event in Montreal this past May and September. The Montreal Texas Hold'em Charity Championship I and II netted over \$200,000 that was shared between Street Kids International, McGill University Health Centre Foundation, and Fondation CHUM. By supporting Street Kids International through this event, they have made a significant impact on the lives of youth facing systemic poverty. We extend a special thanks to Tigergaming.com who has been our title sponsor. To join this fabulous event for its third go around on May 31st, 2006 in Montreal visit www.montrealcharitypok-er.com.

Santosh's craft sales.

Santosh is a 19 year old Nepali who has been on the streets since he was 7. Six week after his Street Business Toolkit training he shows me his callused hands: "See how hard I've been working!" he says. In September 2005, Santosh was part of the first group of Nepali youth to participate in the Street Business Toolkit. He came to the training after learning how to make handicrafts out of recycled paper. Since his Toolkit, Santosh has used the case studies he learned to strategize about marketing his crafts. He is now off the street, living in shared accommodations and can manage his living and operating costs. He feels passionately that other youth need the chance provided by Street Kids International and so he gives 20% of his profit back to youth programs. "It's my business strategy", says Santosh. "We use paper that is good for the environment and a portion of our profits go back to the kids, this is good for business."



Santosh is a successful business man and philanthropist



Tilley Endurables support grows!

Tilley Endurables and founder Alex Tilley continue to be great supporters of Street Kids International. Their line of Hemp Hats continues to expand and with it the contribution they make to Street Kids for the sale of each hat. We really appreciate this unique way of supporting our work. For more information about Tilley's products, and the great Hemp Hat, visit www.tilley.com, or call 1-800-363-8737.



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I have so many powerful memories of my times with Derek...pre-testing Karate Kids with street children in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro and Nairobi, meeting with Dr Jonathan Mann and Dr Tony Maier of the World Health Organization to enlist their support for the project, and watching Derek work with his talented team of artists at the NFB to create a cartoon that would resonate in Hell's Kitchen in New York City, in Colombo and Freetown and Port Moresby and Cite du Soleil. Greetings from Kathmandu. Tomorrow prayer flags will be raised in Derek's memory at the monastery where I teach my weekly leadership class, and incense will be burned by the old women who keep the flames.

ed. note. Derek Lamb died on Nov. 5, 2005. We are very grateful for the legacy of Karate Kids and GoldTooth that Street Kids International and many youth workers continue to use with youth facing the challenges of HIV/AIDS and drug abuse.

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of our renewed efforts will show positive results enabling us to reach more young people in more countries. Street Kids is making a real impact on youth facing the challenges of poverty, HIV/AIDS, and homelessness, while continuing to lay the foundation for future growth. With the continued support of our individual and corporate donors we will succeed.

ed. note. We are pleased to share with you our excitement at the appointment of our new Executive Director. David Fell brings more than 25 years experience as a senior manager with national and international organizations. During this time he has provided leadership to the Canadian Business Resource Centre, the Canadian Youth Business Foundation and Youth Business International. His international work has taken him to the Caribbean, Latin America and South Africa. We are looking forward to his guiding Street Kids International in new and exciting directions.

Street Kids International's global impact.

Street Kids International continues to work closely with local organizations to give kids a chance. In the fall, Street Kids collaborated with the USAID funded organization, Equip 3 to launch street health in Haiti. This programming proved very successful and was expanded to include aspects of non-formal education and literacy and has included more than 450 youth. Street Kids will now begin small business training with plans to include more than 2000 youth.



The Street Banking Toolkit finalized in late summer has now been translated from Spanish into English and Swahili. In a unique global project, Street Kids is bridging two of our primary partners; CDEA from Bolivia and Kuleana from Tanzania to bring the Street Banking Toolkit to youth in Tanzania. This program will begin with 10 organizations and 30 youth and over 18 months will reach more than 1500 youth.

Our Tajikistan-based program focusing on the impact of migration on youth is coming to a close. This project has integrated parents and youth who have been forced to migrate from various parts of the Former Soviet Union for socio-economic reasons. Beyond providing youth with skills, it has also strengthened connections between young people and their parents. Two years ago, Michael Kimeu of Jitegmeo organization in Kenya, attended the Street Business Toolkit. Just recently he contacted Street Kids to let us know how successful this program is in giving kids business skills. Jitegmeo has typically provided vocational skills training such as carpentry and poultry producing for youth. The Street Business Toolkit rounds out this trade knowledge and provides kids with the budgeting, marketing and planning skills needed for income generation. According to Michael "I do believe by developing more facilitators we are building capacity to save more lives and develop communities."

postcard from the field.

Life in Mwanza is full of raw emotion and intense encounters. As I begin to understand the culture and language, I realize that with everyday, I'm only just starting to scratch at the surface of this complex living environment. Even on the simplest day, I experience moments of frustration coupled with periods of pure happiness. I have had to throw away my Western concepts of time management and personal privacy and embrace a life of unreliable electricity and running water. At the same time, I am greeted with warmth and hospitality by all whom I encounter. I pinch myself as I bare witness to the beautiful natural environment that surrounds the lake region of Mwanza, Tanzania.



Hall is a CIDA Intern with Street Kids International in Tanzania

The Youth Community Mapping Program is well underway in York Region with three Mapping Teams and a Leadership Team made-up of local young people and Adult Volunteer Mentors from the community. The Teams meet regularly in different locations to take part in hands-on research about local issues of youth poverty and homelessness. The youth have started their research using theatre and digital story telling to create a map that captures what is happening in the community from their perspective. The Program has recently established a blog (short for weblog) called H.A.L.T. (Homeless Alliance through Leadership & Teamwork). This name was created by Marina, a member of the Leadership Team. It was selected by her teammates as an appropriate description of the Program. "H.A.L.T. because we want to put a halt on youth poverty and homelessness in our communities. We believe that leadership and teamwork are important to accomplishing our goals." The blog allows



Leadership Team mapping in the Community Resource & Learning Room

youth HALT poverty and homelessness.

the young people to develop communication and technology skills, to stay connected and to share and invite others to participate. Check it out at: <http://halt.civiblog.org/blog> In May the youth will be touring York Region to present in classrooms and to community leaders the results of their mapping. They hope to send a strong message that we need solutions to the growing number of young people living in poverty and that youth need to have their voices heard in this process. This Program is jointly coordinated by Street Kids International and the Community Resource & Learning Room. We would like to recognize the Laidlaw Foundation for sponsoring the Leadership Team, promoting youth leadership and decision making in our communities. This Program is also sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Strategy and the York Region District School Board.



workshops for school children and educating them on their rights. When I want a break from my desk, I meander down to the Street Children's Center a few kilometers from my office to spend time with the kids and try to gain some insight into their reality. They work industriously on their cardboard truck creations with bottle caps for wheels. They pull these around the centre from the playground to their informal education classes. The positive attitudes and constant smiles of these children always make me feel welcome and cause me to wonder what experiences they hide beneath their veil of happiness. Upon reflection, I think about my good fortune at being here in Mwanza - the beautiful people who invite me into their lives and the countless smiles I receive from strangers on any given day. I remind myself of this amazing opportunity and the privilege I have to get a taste of African life. Then I blink and another day has come to a close as the sun hides beneath the boulders surrounding Lake Victoria.