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Celebrating
20 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S WALK

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DES 20 ANS DE LA MARCHÉ DES ENFANTS



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WELCOME TO THE UNWG CHILDREN'S WALK –

INTRODUCING OUR EXCLUSIVE 20TH ANNIVERSARY BROCHURE!

It is an honour and a privilege for me to serve as President of the United Nations Women's Guild (UNWG). We are a non-profit organization and one of our purposes is to assist children in need throughout the world. We believe that every child deserves a future and this belief is at the heart of everything we do. We organize many social and culture activities, but fundraising is what we do best.

UNWG has many firsts to its credit! The Children's Walk, first held 20 years ago, was an unprecedented initiative to raise funds for scholarships to be offered to disadvantaged students in various countries. It's heartening to note that these scholarships have helped many students to complete their secondary education and take up further studies to become self-reliant and independent.

This commemorative brochure marks a momentous occasion, and is a testament to the passion, hard work and continued commitment of UNWG Geneva to the cause of children and underlines the importance of their concerted efforts to contribute to a better future for them.

This brochure outlines our vision and values that have propelled us and takes you on a wonderful journey through our remarkable history, highlighting the incredible achievements and memories that have shaped our initiative over the past two decades. There are testimonials from the children who have taken part in the Walk, and the students whose lives were transformed by our small contribution.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have guided us on this remarkable journey and contributed to the success of the Children's Walk over the years. This commitment and unwavering dedication have changed lives and inspired positive action around the world.

I hope this brochure will inspire and encourage you to join us in the noble pursuit of protecting and promoting children's rights across the globe, especially their right to education. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of millions of children around the world.

Here's to a glorious milestone and many more to come!

Ajkuna Thanati





HOW IT ALL STARTED

Most projects succeed, in fact, as a result of cooperation and teamwork. The Children's Walk is one such event that the Guild started in 2002. Twenty years later the Walk continues to involve the young, due to the wonderful team spearheaded by the Guild's current Vice-President Mateja Prosek Grima.

To briefly recount how it all began: in 2002, I had completed my four years as President of the Guild. The Bazaar Chairperson that year was Mme Kirsi Madi, wife of the Ambassador of Jordan and a UN fonctionnaire in her own right. She asked me to find a way of raising funds to add to the Bazaar funds. The number of appeals for donations were over 100 projects that year, capably handled by the then Vice-President Projects Marie-Claire de Stick-ere and so the thought of looking for more funds. And so the Walk.

Walking for a cause is not unique. Walks are held for a variety of causes. But the Children's Walk aimed at bringing awareness to the young and the importance of education for ALL children. The school-going children in Geneva are fortunate in access to education. The idea of bringing Women and Children, the Women's Guild and the School Children together to help less fortunate children around the world to acquire a tool to improve their future seemed natural.

The key factors that we felt the Walk would bring about were:

- To instil awareness in the children of the importance of education for all.
- To make the children Geneva aware that there are children around the world who do not have this privilege.
- To make the children in Geneva learn to listen, see and ask questions on how to help these children.
- To be able to help children in need get an education that would enable them to improve their lives. Even vocational training sometimes requires a basic high school graduation. Although governments of a good number of countries provide free education, it is mostly in primary school level.
- To hold the Walk on the UN grounds in full cooperation with UNOG, allowing the Guild to introduce to the participating children, a glimpse of the role of the UN and its specialized agencies in the world.

The children, teachers, parents and the Principals of the participating schools will be happy to know that over 500 children in over 20 countries have been helped to complete their education through the Walk funds. Huge thanks to the children, teachers, parents and the Principals of the participating schools in this venture. It is their willingness to join the Guild in realizing the success of this project that counts. I would especially like to thank the first donors who helped launch the event, Nestlé, Mme Genvieve Torriani and Aligro. And, above all, to all the members of the Guild, who volunteered their time and energy with enthusiasm to prepare for and assist on the day of the Walk year after year.

In conclusion, I feel that the Walk has motivated and involved the children here in Geneva and helped them understand the importance of education for all.

Gita Sundararaman

Schools That Participated At The First Children's Walk Were:

- Institut Florimont
- Collège De Lemans
- British School Of Geneva
- International School, Pregny Campus
- International School, La Châtaigneraie Campus
- International School Mies
- Swedish School Of Geneva
- Lycée Français Rodolphe Töpffer





20 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S WALK

It is with great joy and pride that we welcome you to the 20th Anniversary of the UNWG Geneva Children's Walk, a milestone event that marks two decades of dedication, unity and shared commitment to improving the lives of less fortunate children around the world. **"Children walking for Children"** is a heartwarming event that traditionally brings together children from various international schools from the Geneva area to walk for a cause that truly matters, instilling in our youth the importance of charitable endeavours.

Funds raised through this initiative directly support educational scholarships for children entering secondary school. Each funding is for a period of 4 to 5 years maximum, which represents an important multi-year commitment on the part of the UNWG-Geneva. These crucial resources are directed towards covering school fees and ensuring no child is left behind due to financial constraints. Additionally, funds go towards supplying uniforms, school materials and books as well as providing essential food and transportation assistance. This holistic approach not only fosters a conducive learning environment but also offers a brighter future to these deserving youngsters, ensuring they have the chance to thrive and realise their potential.

In addition to raising funds, our aim is also to inspire awareness among children living in Switzerland to the struggles of other children who may not enjoy the same educational opportunities and face other challenges such as access to clean water and sanitation or proper nutrition. We believe that empowering children to take an active role in making a positive change in the world is paramount to their growth and development. Moreover, the Walk is also an educational opportunity for children to get to know the UN, its aims and programs.

The Children's Walk has been organised every year since 2002, with the exception of one year (2005) when it was cancelled due to inclement weather. Traditionally, the event has been organised on the grounds of the UNOG, however in past three years, due to the Covid pandemic as well as ongoing renovations at the UNOG as part of its Strategic Heritage Plan, a temporary format of mini-Children's Walks has been successfully implemented.

For 20 years we have been fortunate to collaborate with over 20 different schools in the Geneva area and over 10.000 children have been involved with Children's Walks. Through this initiative and other fundraising efforts, such as the Kiosk and the sale of water bottles and greeting cards, we have managed to raise over CHF 700.000 for our scholarship fund.

The beneficiary schools of the Children's Walk initiative exemplify its global impact and commitment to education. Over the years we have collaborated with 22 educational institutions spanning 21 countries, extending our reach to diverse corners of the world. Through these partnerships, we have been able to provide invaluable scholarships to over 500 students, enabling them to complete their secondary school education.

The Children's Walk is not just an event, it is a bridge that connects communities and educational institutions around the globe, uniting them in a shared mission to make quality education accessible to all, regardless of their circumstances. I invite you to delve into this humble, yet inspiring testimony of UNWG's twenty-year journey alongside Geneva schools and all the beneficiaries, witnessing the difference made in the lives of children through the power of education.

Mateja Prosek Grima



CHILDREN'S WALK THROUGH THE YEARS

For the past two decades the UNWG was fortunate to be working with many wonderful educators from various international schools from the wider Geneva area who have tirelessly mobilised and encouraged children to participate in our Walks. Their unwavering commitment to this noble cause has not only enriched the lives of countless young activists but also contributed significantly to the success of this remarkable initiative.

The event has traditionally been organised on the grounds of the UNOG, where children from various schools in Geneva walk in circles, each round representing a symbolic journey towards educational dreams. With every lap they collect stamps, turning their steps into a tangible representation of their dedication. In return, their sponsors, often parents and friends, commit to financial support with these stamps. In addition to fundraising for scholarships, the event has also raised awareness and promoted a culture of solidarity among children in Switzerland in favour of impoverished and disadvantaged children around the world. Before each Walk, children are shown a presentation of beneficiaries of UNWG scholarships. This represents an important tool to engage students to actively participate in the Walk and to be able to discuss the benefit of their action with their peers, parents and friends when asking for donations.

Since 2002, through this remarkable initiative, the UNWG collected more than CHF 700,000 for scholarships. Moreover, more than 10,000 children from the international schools in Geneva participated in the annual Walks.

Participating schools in different editions of Children's Walk since its inception in 2002:

Geneva English School	Swedish International School of Geneva	British School of Geneva	Deutsche Schule Genf
La Cote International School	Institut Internationale Lancy	Institut Florimont	Collège Du Léman
Montessori Nations	Ecolint Campus des Nations	Ecolint La Châtaigneraie	Ecolint Pregny Campus
Ecole Beit Yossef Girsu Genève	Ecole Rudolf Steiner	Ecole Bénédicte	Ecole Chantemerle
Ecole Farny	Lycée Français Rodolphe Töpffer	Ecole Brechbühl	International School Mies
École Moser			



PARTICIPATING IN CHILDREN'S WALKS

As part of Children's Walk initiative, we introduce you to some remarkable young activists who have participated in UNWG Children's Walks in the past. These students have walked and fundraised, making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Their stories highlight the passion and dedication that this event inspires in these young activists, demonstrating the incredible potential of our youth to create positive change in someone else's life, no matter how small.

Isabel from ECOLINT - Pregny Campus

Q What was your motivation for participating in the Children's Walk?

To give enough money to give to the children to go to school.

Q Can you describe how you felt after participating in the event?

Happy to give children money to go to school.

Q Do you think that what you and we are doing is enough to help the other children?

We can do more! Maybe we could run more in the year. Maybe in one year we could do 3 walks.

Q Do you have any idea how else we could help children who live in poor conditions around the world?

We could share all of our money.

Q Is the feeling of helping others a good feeling?

Yes. It is a happy feeling.

Q Is giving more rewarding than receiving?

Yes, to give to someone else is better because I like their smile.



Giulia from Collège du Léman

Q What does charity mean for you?

For me it means helping poor people.

Q What was your motivation for participating in the Children's Walk?

My motivation was being happy and excited to be able to participate.

Q Can you describe how you felt after participating in the event?

I felt very proud.

Q Do you think that what you and we are doing is enough to help the other children?

I think we all have enough to help the poor.

Q Is the feeling of helping others a good feeling?

Yes, the feeling of helping others is a good feeling.



Iyaloo, Salma and Aida from The British School of Geneva

Q What does charity mean for you?

Iyaloo – it means to donate something to people who can't afford things.

Salma – charity to me means to help people to have as many advantages as possible.

Aida – help people who can't go to school and then maybe even to go to University.



Q What was your motivation for participating in the Children's Walk?

Iyaloo – knowing the donations were going to children in need. I was tired but it was worth it.

Aida – it was worth walking so much to help other children.

Salma – the walk motivated me as I know that we are helping children in need and it is challenging to do things without money.

Q Can you describe how you felt after participating in the event?

Aida – I was happy to have done something to help. I was tired but it was worth it.

Salma – I felt nice because I feel good when I help people.

Iyaloo – tired but refreshed. Happy about what I had done.

Q Did you speak about this event with you classmates or your family and what was their reaction? Have you learned anything new by participating in the Children's Walk?

Salma – I told my parents who were very proud.

Iyaloo – I told my family who were excited that I had walked such a distance without stopping.

Aida – I told my par-ents who were happy that I walked so much for children in need.

Q Do you have any idea how else we could help children who live in poor conditions around the world?

Salma – we could do a fundraising event in school to get more donations.



Rebecca GROVE

Deputy Head, Early Years and Primary, Institut International de Lancy

Following a tradition of many years the children here at the Institut International de Lancy have been very proud to work with the UNWG - Geneva to support their wonderful educational projects across the world. There are now many children across our school who have been involved in the walk. The invaluable support of the parents in sponsoring the children in their efforts is always amazing to see as well.

It was a proud moment for us to be able to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Children's Walk. The children were excited to be part of the special ceremony at the UNOG held in May 2023.

Before this event the teachers and children spent time in class to work on the Rights and Responsibilities of children. This project saw children sharing their ideas and working together to create a presentation for the event at the UN. They each made a colourful circle with their ideas and thoughts. Some were then added to a special wall of rights and responsibilities of the child on the day at the UN. Meeting the Director General of UNOG, Mrs. Tatiana Valovaya, was also a privilege that the children and teachers attending will always remember. Meeting together with schools from the Geneva community saw the meeting room at the UN become full of music and songs. We were immensely proud of all the children who presented during the event as well.

A few weeks later the children had a morning where they walked around the school grounds to raise money for these essential educational projects. The children were happy to know that they were 'children walking for children'. The children had great fun collecting the stamps as they walked each lap. As in each year the children are so very happy to take part and their laughter and smiles show this.

It is also so wonderful to invite the organisers of the event to school and be able to present a special card to announce the amount that we have collected and to show some of the photographs and films of the day. This special event brings together children, teacher, families, friends and the community of the UN and UNWG to raise money for children around the world and to make a change.

Children walking for children is a wonderful experience...."

Claire Lee

together with the Year 4 Team at La Châtaigneraie Primary,
The International School of Geneva

For several years, The International School of Geneva has participated in the Children's Walk for Children organised by the ladies of the UNWG. It has been a very positive experience for all our students.

We have the Primary Years Programme for our curriculum. In the year 4 classroom, the students study the Rights of the Child. The Right to Education is so important and all our students can easily identify with the importance of learning and the opportunities it brings. When they learn that many students around the world do not have the same access to education for whatever reason, they are genuinely moved. A big part of our programme asks that students take action connected with their learning. Although the walk is an adult inspired event, the way the students participate is a genuine and authentic action based on their understanding of the needs of others.

Since Covid, we have organised the walk in our own school grounds. One benefit of this is that more students have been involved including older students organising the route and face painting. Parents have also come along to run or walk the route with their children. In the school there is real excitement about the event. Our parents have been exceptionally generous in sponsoring the students. For many of them it is the first sponsored event in which they have participated. On the day itself, the students start with a big group warm up, then half the year group take on the role of stamping the cards while the other half start their walk. We have a route that is approximately 750 metres in length. Last year, one student did 15 laps. After one hour, the roles are switched and the walkers become the stampers. The whole event is exciting, with other students and parents cheering on the walkers. Handing over the funds raised is also a very exciting moment.

Last year we were very fortunate to have a visit to the U.N. itself for the 20th anniversary celebration. Sitting in the big hall was an absolute privilege and highly memorable for our students. To be in Geneva and to be able to visit the United Nations buildings is so very special. We would like to thank all the ladies from the UNWG for all their support and for the opportunities they have given us to make learning come alive for our students."

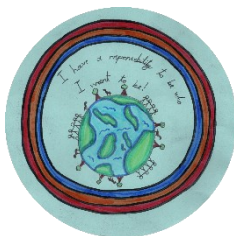


Tanya Fink

Early Years Assistant Principal, Campus Nations,
The International School of Geneva

At the Campus des Nations, over the past several years, children from age 3-8 have participated in the Children's Walk. For many students, it is their first engagement in activism and therefore the "why" behind the project is especially important. The UN Women's Guild provides resources that help us work with the students to develop an understanding of how, through our participation, we are helping children around the world. Students remember the walks from previous years and look forward to the next, with each year building a deeper understanding.

At the **20th anniversary of the Children's Walk** ceremony at the UN, following the walk in 2023, students bravely shared their newly created "children's right", and through this experience gained a newfound confidence and pride in themselves. Sitting in the seats of other world leaders lit a spark in them, and they brought back a burgeoning understanding of their own potential as change makers for a better future. The walk is a highlight on our school calendar and we feel very lucky to be a part of this project"



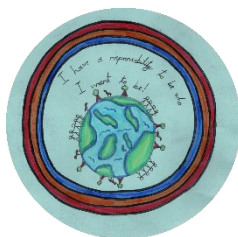
THE UNWG Scholarship program has been a small beacon of hope for secondary school students for over 20 years, transforming the lives of more than 500 young scholars from 21 different countries. UNWG commitment to education knows no bounds and through this initiative, we have empowered a diverse cohort of students to reach their full potential. These students come from various corners of the globe each with their unique stories and dreams. Through our scholarship program, UNWG finances school fees, textbooks and school materials, uniforms, transportation and food for marginalised secondary school students. With this holistic approach we hope to foster a conducive learning environment which offers a brighter future to these deserving youngsters, breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for a brighter future.

Scholarships were given to students in 22 educational institutions from 21 countries around the globe:



Educational institutions receiving the grant from UNWG Geneva:

College Tentely, Madagascar	Sattaya Badi Secondary School, Nepal
Daud Bandagi School, Pakistan	College Sainte Bernadette, Senegal
Parakuyu Secondary School, Tanzania	Instituto Monseñor Lezcano, Nicaragua
Colegio Pan y Amor, Nicaragua	St Francis High School, India
R/Sri Buddha Jayanthi Central College, Sri Lanka	Afaseo Mwizero, Burundi
Arab Institute School, Palestine	Colegio Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo, Argentina
Ecole privée Sountougoun Diallo Moussa, Mali	Kigurunyembe Secondary School, Tanzania
Ecole Catholique Associee de Kabalaye, Tchad	Kasisi Secondary School, Zambia
Hage G Geingob High School, Namibia	Holy Cross Girl's High School, Bangladesh
Institut Luyolo, Democratic Republic of Congo	Fey Alegria Las Americas, Colombia
Bureh Secondary school, Sierra Leone	Collège Than An, Vietnam



TEMOIGNAGES

Dans cette section, vous allez découvrir quelques messages de remerciement et de gratitude ainsi que quelques interviews d'étudiants ayant bénéficié des bourses d'études du CFNU.

Ces témoignages démontrent le pouvoir transformateur de l'éducation et l'impact que ces bourses ont eu sur la vie de ces jeunes. A travers leurs paroles et le partage de leurs parcours personnels et leurs expériences, on peut mieux comprendre l'effet d'entraînement du soutien et des possibilités qui s'offrent à ces élèves grâce à la Marche des Enfants.

When I grow up, I am going to be the prime minister of India. people always laugh when I say that, but I am sure that I will do it. Everyone in my class asks me what to do when they have a problem, and my teacher always trusts me when something needs to be done in school. I want to make things better for everyone in this way I will make the world a better place.

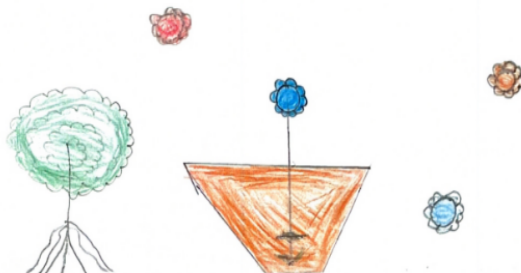
Thank you

Yours loving
Pranlata Kerketta

Chère madame Tall

Saké Olivia
Diagne.

Je voulais vous dire un grand merci encore une fois.
C'est pour vous dire que dans toutes les contrôles qu'on a eu à faire j'ai eu de bon résultats mais je vous en faire plus pour la composition et mais j'ai eu un bon comportement car on ne ma jamais renvoyé et on ne ma jamais mis indiscipline j'espère que vous êtes satisfait de ce que je vous est dit merci beaucoup.



Diagne



Chère dame

Me revoilà par cette lettre vous demander l'état de votre santé et vous dire aussi toutes mes remerciements pour laquelle vous m'avez donné l'opportunité de m'exprimer dans mes études.

Je vous remercie mille fois car vous l'avez fait pour aider le Bénégol notre pays en le faisant passer par nous les élites de la Haute Volta dirigée par la Sœur Marie Madeleine Dlouf qui en est très fière de cette opportunité.

Je vous salue par de mes notes : je m'en débrouille très bien surtout avec les langues, le français, le latin.

Mais ce qui me reste à comprendre c'est le math, parfois je m'en débrouille et parfois aussi je m'y comprend rien.

Je vous remercie mille fois.

De la part de Maria Regala

(Signature)



Vie



Managua, Nicaragua

17/02/2010
febrero

Para: asociación circular femenino de las mujeres unidas

De: alumna Iveth Carolina Reyes Zelaya

* Buenas tardes. Soy una bella alumna hermosa el motivo de esta carta es para dar a conocer lo siguiente:

* Los doy gracias desde de mis padres y de mi persona la boca que me han proporcionado ya que soy una persona de escasos recursos económicos estos 2 años que estoy en el Instituto Monsenor Lezcano. Me han tratado con Respeto y Educación Afectuosa.

* También agradezco los profesores con mi aula me han tratado como vice presidenta de II año.

* Me despido con muchos besos mis sinceras gracias por todo.

My aim and my hope is to become Computer Engineer.

To achieve my goal I follow these ways
Everyday I go to School. Teachers they help me to clear my doubt. Without absent I go for tuition. Specially I have interest in English, Mathematic and Science. I am very very happy that you are helping me to pay fees and giving me school bag, uniform and many helps. My parents also are very happy. Though my house is far from school I have the eagerness to study please continue to help me.



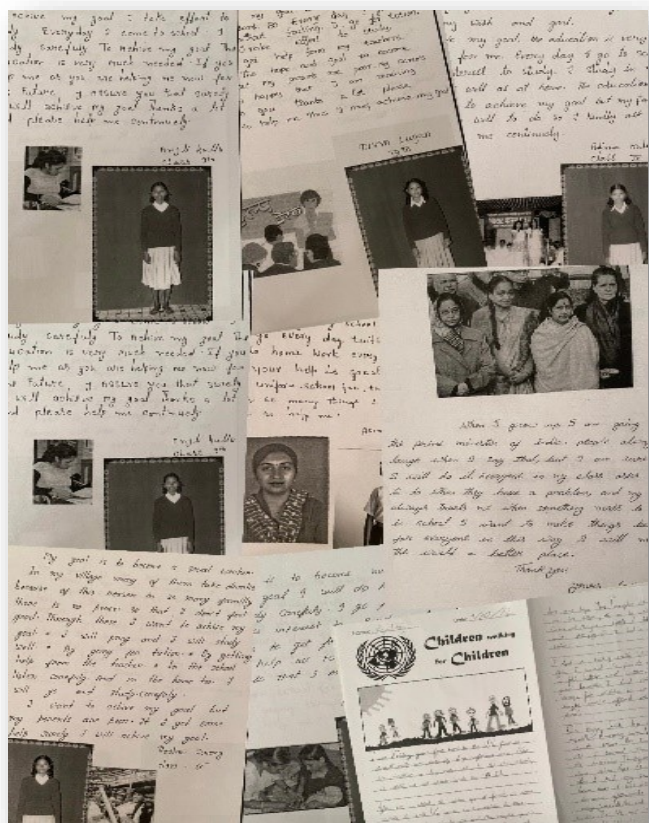
Madhuri Kerketta
VIIth

my goal is to become Teacher
To Achieve my goal, Education is very much important. So Every day I go to School without failing. I go for tuition. Everyday I take effort to study. And I get help from my teachers. I have the hope and goal to become teacher but my parents are poor. My parents are very happy that I am receiving help from you thanks a lot. please continue to help me thus I may achieve my goal.



DIVYA LUGAN
IXth





N.D. yohan Harshana
 a/Sri Buddha jayanthi C.C.
 Balangoda.
 Sri Lanka
 30.08.2023

Thanking for.
 united nations women's Guild

I want to thank you For offering me
 the Scholarship to help with my education.
 It has been a huge help to me throughout
 these years of education. I sincerely appreciate
 your support in helping. me and others
 reach what we want to achieve.
 Thank you so much.

Thank you.

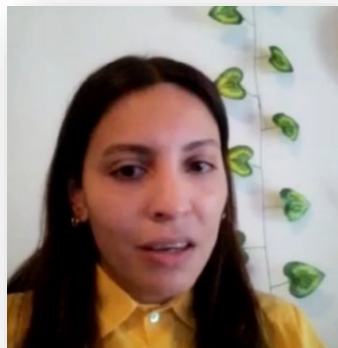




“Je tiens à remercier le programme des bourses du Cercle Féminin des Nations Unies-Genève pour m'avoir aidé tout au long de mes études secondaires. Vous nous avez beaucoup aidés, mes camarades et moi grâce aux bourses que vous nous avez accordé. Grâce à cette bourse, je suis maintenant à l'université où j'étudie la gestion des ressources humaines. J'étudie dur, je suis comme il faut pour réussir à l'université. Je souhaite également rendre à la société ce qu'elle m'a donné, parce que vous m'avez beaucoup aidé, j'aimerais aussi aider les autres.”

Kombarai Bangura - Sierra Leone

“Je suis diplômée de Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo. En 2001, mon père est décédé, il était le principal soutien financier de ma famille et ma mère n'avait plus les moyens de payer mes frais de scolarité. À ma grande surprise, j'ai reçu une bourse du CFNU-Genève, ce qui m'a permis de poursuivre mes études à Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo, où j'avais tous mes amis et où l'école représentait ma deuxième maison en ces temps difficiles. J'ai reçu le soutien des enseignants, du psychologue et de l'administration et j'en suis extrêmement reconnaissante. Aujourd'hui, je travaille dans le bureau d'un avocat renommé de la capitale, où je suis administrateur.”



Jeanette Salinas - Argentina



“After I finish my secondary school, I would like to go to university and study Architecture. The UNWG scholarship helped me to push myself much more in order to get good grades. It also helped me to continue with my studies until the end and achieve what has been difficult for women in my family. “

Tifany Gutierrez - Nicaragua



CÉLÉBRATION DES 20 ANS DE LA MARCHÉ DES ENFANTS

La célébration des 20 ans de la Marche des Enfants a été l'événement marquant de l'exercice 2023 pour le CFNU. En effet, en date du 16 mai 2023 le CFNU a organisé, en collaboration avec l'ONU et dans son enceinte, un événement regroupant plus de 400 enfants des écoles internationales genevoises (Collège du Léman, Ecolint: Campus La Châtaigneraie, Nations et Pregny, Institut International de Lancy et British School of Geneva) ayant participé à la marche des enfants. Cet événement avait pour objectif de célébrer les enfants et leur engagement. Ainsi, le Comité d'organisation a fait appel à cinq jeunes pour animer cette matinée. Bravo à Rachelle, Denise, Bridget, Adam et Nick, qui étaient très professionnels sur scène et ont captivé le public.

Après le message d'accueil de Mme Ajkuna Thanati, Présidente du CFNU, Mme Tatiana Valovaya, Directrice générale de l'ONUG et Présidente d'honneur du CFNU a fait une intervention sur les droits des enfants et les problèmes que rencontrent certains enfants dans les pays pauvres pour accéder à l'éducation, elle a également salué les efforts du CFNU et la mobilisation des Ecoles dans cette initiative. Mme Gita Sundararaman, fondatrice de la Marche des Enfants et ancienne Présidente du CFNU a par ailleurs expliqué à l'assistance la naissance de la Marche, ses objectifs et son évolution à travers les années. Mme Mateja Prosek Grima, Responsable de la marche des enfants a fait une présentation détaillée sur les principales réalisations des 20 ans de la marche avec des données chiffrées sur les montants collectés, les enfants participants et le nombre des enfants bénéficiaires

L'assistance a été captivée par tous ces messages et une belle énergie se dégageait de la salle surtout quand des représentants des différentes écoles ont présenté avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme les droits et responsabilités des enfants qu'ils ont souhaité mettre en avant. A rappeler que cette année, le CFNU a choisi comme thème pour la marche des enfants « Les droits et responsabilités des enfants ». L'objectif étant de sensibiliser les enfants à leurs droits et obligations. Des réunions de travail ont été organisées avec les enseignants dans les différentes écoles et des cercles ont été remis aux enfants afin d'illustrer chacun le droit et la responsabilité qui lui paraissent importants.

Cette matinée festive a été agrémentée par des chants des enfants. La chorale de l'Ecolint Campus des Nations et de Pregny a envoyé un message puissant sur l'avenir en chantant "I'm the Earth". Toute la salle a également chanté en chœur "We are unstoppable", "Toi + Moi" et "On Ecrit sur les Murs". L'événement s'est achevé avec la création du "Mur des droits et responsabilités" où les enfants ont épinglé sur le mur leurs interprétations et expressions diverses de leurs droits et responsabilités. Les enfants avaient des étoiles plein les yeux et certains ont même décrit ce jour comme étant l'un des meilleurs jours de leur vie. Et nous partageons ce même sentiment.

La réussite de cet événement s'est illustrée également par la collecte des fonds dédiés aux bourses scolaires du CFNU grâce aux généreuses donations des enfants, leurs parents et familles. Ainsi, les enfants nous ont enseigné que même les mains les plus petites peuvent être utiles et que les gestes les plus modestes peuvent avoir le plus grand impact dans la vie d'un autre enfant.

Le CFNU tient enfin à remercier tous les participants et partenaires de la marche des enfants en particulier ceux qui ont participé à cette cérémonie spéciale à commencer par les écoles, enseignants, élèves et leurs familles, l'ONU avec ses différents services qui ont facilité l'organisation de cet événement. Sans oublier le Comité d'organisation qui a veillé à la planification minutieuse et l'exécution de l'événement, ainsi que toutes les bénévoles du CFNU en particulier les membres du groupe de randonnée qui ont toutes contribué à faire de cet événement un moment véritablement mémorable



As we reflect on the rich tapestry of the UNWG Children's Walk's history, we cast our gaze forward with optimism and determination. We envision a future where this noble tradition continues to grow, inspiring the children of Geneva to become powerful agents of positive change in their communities and beyond. With unwavering commitment, we aim to persist in our mission, continuing to provide scholarships to children in need, nurturing their dreams and aspirations.

Our journey is far from over, it is a new chapter in which we hope to foster even more hope, dreams and opportunities for the children of the world.

Together we will shape a brighter future, one step at a time.



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In closing, we extend our heartfelt gratitude primarily to the children, their parents and teachers who have been the driving force behind the UNWG Children's Walk for the past two decades. Their unwavering dedication and enthusiasm have brought this event to life and have made it a symbol of unity and hope. Moreover, during the COVID pandemic and renovation project at the UNOG, participating schools seamlessly adapted to the new format of the Children's Walk, demonstrating remarkable resilience and dedication. Overall, the impact they had on the lives of countless children in need is immeasurable.

We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to all the Director Generals of the United Nations Office in Geneva over the past 20 years, as well as the UN staff for their unwavering support. Their commitment to ensuring the safety and success of these events has been invaluable.

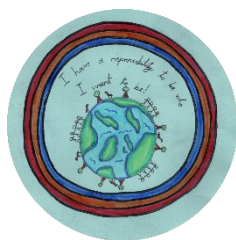
Our heartfelt thanks also go out to all the generous donors who have contributed not only financially but also with in-kind donations and provisions throughout the years.

Last but certainly not least, we extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated volunteers at the UNWG who have tirelessly prepared and executed these walks over the past two decades. Their tireless, never failing commitment to this cause has been the cornerstone of this success and we thank them for their selfless efforts and support in realizing this remarkable journey. Together we have made a difference, and we look forward to continuing this journey in the years to come.

Thank you all for your enduring dedication and boundless compassion.

Mateja, Imane, Aisha and Sara





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