Our journey for street children’s rights continues. Thank you for being a champion and working with us to make life better for street children across the world.

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FROM STREET CHILD TO CHAMPION FOR KENYA’S STREET CHILDREN
Benson was just eight years old when he began living on the streets in Kenya. Life was very difficult. When he was 10 he was arrested by Police and put into an adult prison. His only crime being he did not have a home.

“WE WILL NEVER FORGET”
“I first volunteered for the 2010 Street Child World Cup which was in my hometown of Durban, South Africa. The experience was life-changing. But if that was the case then, all the more can be said for my experience of volunteering at Street Child World Cup 2014 in Rio de Janeiro.

My main responsibility at the Street Child World Cup 2014 was to organise and run arts and music workshops for the children. We all learnt so much from them.

Their experience of life has been so much more extreme than ours and they have been forced to find ways to deal with things that no child should have to deal with.

They have the potential to be world-changers, of that I have no doubt. What a privilege to be involved in a project that seeks to bring this out in them.”

LANDMARK IMPACT: PAKISTAN’S SUCCESS
Your support helped nine boys who had been hungry and homeless on the streets of Pakistan to play football in their nation’s colours at the Street Child World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and go on to transform the outlook for all street-connected children in their country.

From the start the team were followed keenly at home. Team Pakistan eventually went home with a bronze medal after losing to Burundi in the semi-final. The boys were welcomed home with a rapturous reception from 7,000 supporters at Karachi airport. The Street Child World Cup had ended, but Team Pakistan was about to experience an even bigger adventure embarking on an 11 city nationwide tour, resulting in the creation of a national resolution safeguarding 1.5 million street children in Pakistan.

“A LIFE TRANSFORMED: CLAUDIANNY’S STORY
“I am studying English and was invited to take part in a two-month programme in America where I lived with a host family, attended school and played football as part of the Global Girl Project.”

Our event reached a global audience of 220 million impacting the way street children are seen and treated across the world. The children returned home empowered as ambassadors fighting for the rights of street children. Because of you, a movement was born.
A World of Difference – The impact so far of the 2014 Street Child World Cup

TEAM USA
(Boys)
All members of Team USA are doing well in school and are living with their families. Some boys have taken on roles as coaches and mentors in local football programmes. A team leader said: ‘Brazil and the Street Child World Cup offered them an opportunity to step into a mentality of greatness and has given them great motivation to succeed in every area of their lives’.

TEAM EL SALVADOR
(Girls)
The girls from NGO Tabuyo came third and their achievement was recognised by the Foreign Ministry. They are ambassadors in their communities in San Salvador. They won $1,000 in an entrepreneurship competition, which they spent on equipment so that more girls can benefit from playing sports.

TEAM NICARAGUA
(Boys and girls)
The boys and girls from Casa Alianza shared their experiences via several media outlets, which led to a meeting with the Ministry of Family, where they were invited to speak about issues affecting street children in Nicaragua.

TEAM LEBANON
(Boys)
After a break of several months because of the Ebola virus, the boys from the NGO Street Child have resumed football training. The boys continue to be role models and ambassadors in their communities.

TEAM BRAZIL
(Girls)
The girls from Ibiass-Favela Street are ambassadors in their community, and one team member is spending two months in LA as part of the Global Girl programme. Another girl has completed an internship at a five-star hotel. The girls spoke at the Street Football World conference during the FIFA World Cup and star in the film, Street Kids United II.

TEAM BRAZIL
(Boys)
O Pequeno Nazareno, organisers of Team Brazil boys, have invited the Human Rights Secretariat in Brasilia to advise the government on the next national policy for street children. Representatives from all 27 states will attend the summit.

TEAM ARGENTINA
(Boys)
The team shared their experiences with Minister of Labour and Security, Carlos de Brito. The team was invited to a Human Rights reception. A major TV station covered their trip to Rio, leading to a meeting with the mayor of Belo Horizonte. They were presented with a donation of materials to update the facilities of Fundación La Casita in Buenos Aires.

TEAM ENGLAND
(Girls)
The girls from Islington Council Independent Futures in London starred in their own documentary, Street Kid World Cup, shown on BBC Three in June 2014. They continue to be inspired by the friends they made from all over the world, and have been fundraising for some of the teams they met in Rio.

TEAM BURUNDI
(Boys)
The boys from our partner New Generation received a warm welcome on their return to Burundi, where a representative from the Ministry of Youth and Sport met them at the airport. The President congratulated the team on being runners up. The boys continue to spread the message of reconciliation nationwide in a coach donated at the SCWC.

TEAM ENGLAND GIRLS SLEEP ROUGH TO RAISE MONEY

TEAM ZIMBABWE
(Girls)
The girls are all enrolled in soccer teams and continue to take part in Grassroots Soccer activities so that they can be peer educators.

TEAM SOUTH AFRICA
(Boys and girls)
Our partner in Durban, Umthombo, says the SCWC had a ‘big impact’ on their children, with many showing a more positive, can do’ attitude and improved self-esteem. Local businesses and schools have invited the team to visit to share their experiences.

TEAM MOZAMBIQUE
(Girls)
The girls from the organisation Meninos de Mozambique are ambassadors, holding presentations in their communities. The NGO says they are taken more seriously and are more respected where they work.

TEAM INDIA (Boys and girls)
Fairplay for All Foundation, which led the teams taking part in Brazil, reports that all the children are continuing at school, and several children have been offered university scholarships.

TEAM PAKISTAN
(Boys and girls)
Somebody’ tour through Pakistan. Habbit Bank Limited now support Azad Foundation to nurture grassroots football projects. The team was invited to the National Assembly, where a resolution was signed to protect the rights of 1.5 million street children.

TEAM TEAM TANZANIA
(Boys)
The team, who won their tournament, was invited to meet the Prime Minister and the President of Parliament at officially. The team have been retrained into their families nearby or live with our partner organisation Karunalya in Chennai.

TEAM INDIA
(Boys)
Before the tournament, the young people from several NGOs around the country were invited to meet the President. On their return to Indonesia, they appeared on TV shows to share their experiences in Brazil.

TEAM MAURITIUS
(Boys)
The boys continue to advocate for street children, and one boy was invited to talk about life on the streets at a UN conference in Geneva. The new national Government has said it will pay special attention to street children, a representative said. ‘We believe the SCWC has raised public opinion on this particular issue.’