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Cambodia Update:

"A Night in Paris" Celebrates JustWorld's French Roots

Celebrates JustWorld's French Roots & Growing International Cooperation





an Pablo Romero Fuentes

Akaash Maharaj

JustWorld's signature blue, purple, and white were replaced by French blue, white, and red as Maria Newman's Belle Herbe Farm hosted a night of Parisian elegance for more than 650 guests at the eighth annual JustWorld International fundraiser on Friday, January 21, 2011.

This year's theme, "A Night in Paris," celebrated JustWorld's roots: the organization was founded in Paris in late 2002 and continues its European operation from Paris. The gala took place in presence of the Consul General of France in Miami and Mrs. Gael de Maisonneuve. Consul General Maisonneuve spoke words of praise for JustWorld's work in providing education, nutrition, and health programs for some of the world's neediest children and inspired the guests to join in the live and silent auction to "raise some money" for the projects.

Guests did just that, as the evening garnered \$249,000, a great start to 2011 since the annual gala is JustWorld's main fundraising event for the year.

Olympic gold medalists Will Simpson and JustWorld Ambassador Eric Lamaze did their part in the fundraising, as Will once again offered his famous "Barbeque Ribs for 20" and Eric offered a golf game as part of the live auction. Will added to the evening's fun by arriving onstage on his vintage

Harley Davidson. Emcee Allan Donnan stirred up the excitement for these and the other live auction items: a week in Paris donated by the Rockafellow/Lopez-Balboa family; a VIP table at the Hampton Classic; a polo lesson with eight-goal polo star Jeff Hall; a week in a Vermont farmhouse donated by the Zachowski family; a week in Cape Cod donated by the Graham family; and an Islamorada weekend package donated by the Dello Joio and Dixon families.



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Gold Medal

Cloud Hill Farm
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The Jessie & Caryl Philips
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Bronze Medal

Bancalari Family
Georgina Bloomberg
Bur Oak, LLC & Rood & Riddle
Equine Hospital
Capital Guardian
FTI Consulting
Ernest and Joan Kalman
Kessler Family
Morrissey Family
Rose Hill Farm
Warm Wind Farm

Patrons

GALA TABLE SPONSO

Alexa Lowe **Back Country Farm Baumann Family** Bonnie & Natalie Johnson Bruno Delgrange Sadddles Burkman Capital Corp. Link Family Lyn Pedersen Martha Jolicoeur Monica Wagner Palm Beach Equine & Floridian Community Bank **Private Tutoring Services Quiet Corner Farm** Rockafellow/Sea-Aire Sam Edelman Sleepy P

Torrey Pines

Alex Zachowski Lily Blavin Ally Worthington Alex Crown Sebastian Cheves de Rize Lilli Hymowitz Chloe Hymowitz Sophie Simpson Thiele Schroeder Denise Sabrina Fraile Jacqueline Folkerts Rosie Powers Catherine Tyree GALA VOLUNTEER Bliss Heers Chase Spears Will Pasmore **Bobby Kraut** Dani Paradyse Caitlin Ziegler Sydney Shulman Lisa DeSousa Michele Powers Lisa Zarzecny Heidi Green Kluger Mireya Cano Allan Donnan Georgia Knezevic Lyn Pedersen Chase Spears Catherine Weber de Rize Liz Schroeder Maria Newman Judy Howard Stephanie Tidball Santos Tojil Michael and Libby Spillane

Mindy Heilman

Jessica Newman, Executive Director of JustWorld International, spoke about the progress JustWorld has achieved thanks to the strong support of the equestrian industry.

"I am overwhelmed by the outcome of the fundraiser," said Jessica Newman. "We have an amazing team of staff, volunteers, and ambassadors who all worked so hard to pull it together. To see so many wonderful people come together for a cause they believe in, and take personal responsibility to ensure its success, reminds me why we do this. To know that thousands of children will live better lives thanks to the money raised at our event is most fulfilling emotion I could ever experience."

Special guests included two speakers who traveled long distances to share recent developments in JustWorld's mission to give children in need a leg up to a brighter future by harnessing the passion and influence of the international equestrian community: Juan Pablo Romero Fuentes, founder and director of the Los Patojos project site in Guatemala, and Akaash Maharaj, Chief Executive Officer of Equine Canada.

Juan Pablo, making his first trip to the United States, spoke to the enormous impact that JustWorld's support has had on the lives of hundreds of children benefiting from the programs at Los Patojos. He described how he had started Los Patojos in 2006 with the help of a few friends, three children in need, and a vision of giving children in the violence-ridden poor community in his home town of Jocotenango a chance to grow and thrive.

Through his hard work and persistence, he turned his parents' home into a community center. With the support of JustWorld since 2008, especially the JustWorld Guatemala chapter spearheaded by Olympian Rider Ambassador Juan Andres Rodriguez, Los Patojos now serves 250 kids at its fully operational education and cultural center, complete with a community kitchen and a medical clinic. JustWorld provides more that 80 percent of the total budget. Juan Pablo presented a video created by the kids at Los Patojos under the direction of JustWorld Projects Manager Alejandro Alvarez, who introduced the Los Patojos kids to a youth-media project in November as part of the JustWorld "Video-Letters from around the Globe" project.

Akaash Maharaj announced the important partnership between Equine Canada, Canada's national federation for equestrian sport, and JustWorld, and encouraged other federations to follow Canada's lead. Akaash captained UNICEF Team Canada, the national Equestrian Skill-at-Arms team, for years and has been involved in various peacekeeping and UNICEF humanitarian programs. He has been instrumental in furthering JustWorld's presence within the international equestrian community through the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). At the FEI General Assembly in November 2010, Akaash introduced Jessica and JustWorld to national equestrian federation leaders at their regional meetings and spoke of the importance of linking the equestrian sport with humanitarian efforts. Akaash strongly endorsed JustWorld for partnership with equestrian federations as an organization unique in its focus on fulfilling a mission of helping children in need by mobilizing equestrian philanthropy.

During the event, teams of Young Rider Ambassadors helped raise additional funds as "kids helping kids" with the "Did You Know?" campaign. Displaying "ornaments" that guests could receive as tokens by giving a donation, the teams explained what benefit the value of typical show horse expenditures could bring to JustWorld projects: "Did You Know that donating the cost of (braiding, shoeing, horse show entries, etc.) could change a child's life?" Ambassador Lynn Pedersen supplied the "ornaments," beautiful photo tags that the kids then hung on the glittering Eiffel Tower onstage. In the course of the evening, the teams raised \$6,500 and nearly covered the Eiffel Tower with ornaments.

"A Night in Paris" was managed by long-time JustWorld supporters James Rota and Don Massetti of Dazzle Creative Events, who provided a beautiful setting for the sumptuous Parisian-inspired cuisine prepared from food entirely donated by Whole Foods. Delray Wine Cellars once again provided beverages, which this year, in keeping with the French theme, were supplemented by an additional donation of champagne from two generous Ambassador families. A Parisian-style dance troupe performed numerous routines to the delight of the guests, while official photographer Sportfot documented the evening's special moments.

The silent auction featured a wide variety of goods and services, including a June Harrah Lord antique horse head statue won by Michael Smith; a three-strand pearl necklace won by Barbara Curcio; Voltaire custom riding boots won by Stephanie Tidball, and a three-course dinner catered by Chez Gourmet won by two-time Olympic Gold Medalist McLain Ward. As always, the JustWorld fundraiser organizers are grateful to the all the silent auction item donors.



Teri and Murray Kessler



Laurie and Michael Morrissey



Pierre and Martha Jolicoeur



Jessica Newman and Akaash Maharaj



Sam, Max and Libby Edelman



The Piper Family, Havens Schatt and Fred Commissaire



Melissa and Bob Brusie with Kit Miller



Lisa and Mario Deslauriers



Lauren and McLain Ward



Mary Kay and Dennis Shaughnessy

Nespresso For the Love of the Horse Xanadu Farrier Service Maria Newman Lugano Diamonds The Sugar Factory Las Vegas **Antares** Pilates Rocks SkidRow, LLC. La Martina **Private Tutoring Services** Equine Canada Eleganté Polo Van Dell Jewelers C.M. Hadfield's Oli's Fashion Cuisine Philippe Dyon **Grand Prix** Sam Edelman Darren Graziano Alessandro Albanese The Tackeria Polo Gear Triple Crown/ Buildyourownblanket.com Samshield Headwear Cell Tune **JODS** Windsor Manor The Zeidler Farm **KT Custom Bits** Wynn Las Vegas Player's Club & Restaurant Eyes of Wellington Altona by Caroline Freese Vicomte A. Cesar Hirsch Der Dau Custom Boots Biba NY Boutique Verati Mancini Photos Linda Umla The Mixed Bag Nature's Table Café C. ORRICO The Romantic Room Florida Equestrian Magazine Horseware Ireland L'Occitane **Ariat International** Santiago Bottaro & The Valiente Polo Team The Pilates Wellness Center Bruno Delgrange Saddles Equalign **Emerald Valley Natural Health** Beval Saddlery Ltd. Turner & Co. SSG Gloves Voltaire Design Saddles Beaulieu Farm Allianz Championship The Cottage Lake Worth Running Fox Brody Robertson **CWD** Guilherme Jorge The Book, LLC. Lori Jane Monographing

Chez Gourmet Bradford Renaissance Portraits Briar Hill Signworks The Balancing Tonic, LLC. European Day Spa Equine Artistry by Barbara



Lourdes de Guardiola and Michael Morrissey



Amy and Scott Swerdlin



Bobby and Laura Kraut



Darrel and Sherrie Bowen



Dancers perform at A Night In Paris



Akaash Maharaj and Maria Newman



Johanna, Catherine Pasmore and Kristy Bond



Katherine and Mark Bellissimo



Alexa Adelson, Jessica Newman and Molly Newsome



Georgina Bloomberg, Bobby Murphy and Heather Hays



 $Tom\ McGuinness,\ Michelle\ Powers,\ Candace\ FitzGerald\ Quackenbos\ and\ Tony\ Lott$



Will, Sophie, Ty and Nicole Simpson



Catherine Weber de Rize and Phil Rozon



Laura and Bobby Kraut, Nick Skelton and friends



Kim and Jay Land

Cambodía Update:

PIO Facing Up to the Challenge in 2011



Phymean dancing with kids at SMC







tarting a brand new year of ensuring nutrition, health, and education programs for more than 800 children at their three satellite schools in the city of Phnom Penh, JustWorld partner People Improvement Organization (PIO), under the leadership of the unwavering CNN Top-10 Hero Award recipient Phymean Noun, gets ready to meet the challenge and provide the best opportunities available for some of the neediest children in Cambodia to thrive.

Thanks to the great success achieved at the JustWorld "A Night in Paris" gala, we are able to support our partner schools in the dumpsite community of Stung Mean Chey, as well as the slum community of Borey Keila for another year. These two sites are key areas in the city and are in critical need of support for their children. Our intervention is increasingly changing the history of many in the two communities--616 currents students and counting, to be accurate.

From short-term relief in the form of school supplies and nutritional meals, to long-term impact in their education—currently from kindergarten until sixth grade—PIO with JustWorld funding has expanded its reach and support for children since the beginning of the partnership in 2004.

In 2011, given ongoing demand for enrollment and lack of space for expansion, PIO expects to begin the construction of a new, three-story building at the Stung Mean Chey school, aiming at providing a whole new level of opportunities for the students. This permanent center will strategically serve all three schools in their future vision of offering middle and high school level education, vocational training, and sports development, among other constructive opportunities.

JustWorld encourages your support in increasing our funding to PIO in the coming years as PIO expands to meet the needs of children who have gone through the primary grades thanks to JustWorld funding and are ready to move into middle and secondary school.

Given that PIO will soon lose their temporary classrooms (leased thanks to funds from JustWorld) located nearby the original site (which is secure through purchase with JustWorld funds in 2008), they are preparing to deal with the upcoming challenge. The leased land is due for reassignment by the government, and will be transferred for business development in the area early this year.

Meanwhile, various renovations are taking place at the PIO main school in Stung Mean Chey, thanks to the collaboration of kind volunteers and visitors. Library spaces have been renovated and restocked, and school walls received a new coat of painting.

JustWorld International supports PIO efforts and makes them visible within our network of support. With old and new worthy challenges, we start another exciting year of action in Cambodia.

If you would like to be part of a delegation trip to People Improvement Organization in late 2011 or early 2012, please contact us at jwinfo@justworldinternational.org. Our presence at the projects provides an amazing opportunity to learn about the rich culture and kind character of the Khmer people, while experiencing firsthand the positive influence the JustWorld family is making in the region.



First Annual **Strut!** Fashion Show



Final runway with all models Photos by: Sportfot



In a production that could have easily been at home at Miami Fashion Week, the first annual 'Strut! Fashion for a Just World' fashion show was a huge success. Held Saturday, March 19, at the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival show grounds in Wellington, FL, 'Strut! Fashion for a JustWorld' was orchestrated by JustWorld's Sabrina Jurak and produced by Dazzle Creative Events. Show jumping's biggest names walked the runway, showing off the latest fashions in equestrian apparel and street wear. Cameras flashed, music pumped, and a packed house showed its appreciation for the models, all of whom enjoyed entertaining the crowd with their sassy struts and cheeky antics.

The male models included Mike Belisle, Nick Dello Joio, Alejandro Karolyi, Matt Morrissey, Bobby Murphy, Andres Rodriguez, and Will Simpson, led by professional model and actor, Vincent de Paul. Showing off the latest in women's fashion were Alexa Adelson, Hannah Baumann, Georgina Bloomberg, Ashlee Bond, Mireya Cano, Dawn DeRentis, Rachel Horrowitz, Lexie Mowery, Molly Newsome, Elizabeth Pandich, Louise Serio, Nicole and Sophie Simpson, Chase Spears, Ainsley Vince, Alexandra Zachowski, and Caitlin Ziegler.

A little extra fun was had when models Mike Belisle and Bobby Murphy were auctioned off, with Tawny Wolf generously offering \$800 for a double date with the handsome duo.

Tom MacGuinness of Horseware Ireland had the idea of holding a fashion show to launch the brand's new Pessoa clothing line as well as to benefit JustWorld International, a not-for-profit, humanitarian organization working as a catalyst for positive change in the developing world by helping impoverished children. Horseware Ireland has been a long-time partner of JustWorld International, and donates a portion of proceeds from every fly sheet they sell to supply mosquito nets to families in Cambodia.

"Together with Rodrigo Pessoa, Horseware has developed a clothing collection with a new level of style and sophistication, and Wellington was the ideal venue to have the official launch," said MacGuinness, Founder and Managing Director of Horseware Ireland and JustWorld founding sponsor. "We've been a supporter of JustWorld since the beginning, and I have personally seen the project in

Cambodia, where we've been closely involved. Bringing the two together was a perfect fit. I thank everyone who bought tickets to support this inaugural event, the models who donated their time, Equestrian Sport Productions who allowed us to use this gorgeous facility, and the Horseware and JustWorld teams who worked so hard to make this event a success."



In addition to featuring Horseware Ireland's Newmarket and Pessoa lines, other brands featured in the fashion show were Ariat, Asmar Equestrian, Beval, Der Dau, Elegante Polo, Haute to Trot Inc., Hunt Ltd., Parlanti, SaraRose, and Skidrow LLC.

Allan Donnan and Brian Lookabill announced the outfits for each model while hair and make-up were provided by Generations: A Hair Salon. Held in the Wellington Club overlooking the International Arena, the entire event was captured by official videographer PublicReputation.com and Sportfot, the official photographer. Gift bags were provided by Collé Products, International Polo Club and Whole Foods.

"Thank you to all of the JustWorld Ambassadors, families, staff, volunteers and sponsors for their amazing support and donating their time to make this event such a success," said Jessica Newman, Executive Director of JustWorld International. "Special thanks also to Heather Hays and Candace FitzGerald Quackenbos, both of the Horseware Ireland Team, for their collaboration in planning the event, as well as the Baumann and Ruziska families for their generous involvement."

All proceeds raised from the first annual 'Strut! Fashion for a Just World' fashion show will benefit JustWorld International's project sites in Brazil, Cambodia, Guatemala, and Honduras.



Rachel Horrowitz in Hunt Ltd



Vincent De Paul in Elegante Polo



Sophie Simpson in SaraRose



Nicole Simpson in Pessoa



Will Simpson in Pessoa



Louise Serio in Ariat



Ainsley Vince in Pessoa



Bobby Murphy in Pessoa



Ashlee Bond in Pessoa and Haute to Trot



Alejandro Karolyi in Pessoa





Elizabeth Pandich in Parlanti Nick Dello Joio in Pessoa



Andres Rodriguez in Horseware Ireland



Lexie Mowery in Asmar and Der Dau



Caitlin Ziegler in Pessoa



 $Georgina\ Bloomberg\ in\ Skidrow\ LLC$

JustWorld Celebrates

Ambassador Initiatives

Kristina McKinnon

This past November, Kristina McKinnon and Bonita Stables held a three-day clinic with Gail Greenough. They ran a concession and held a raffle with a basket donated by local tack shops and business owners. Despite the cold weather, a lot of people came out to support the event, raising \$427.89. They also received a donation from Gail and some local riders whom they trailered to the clinic after their trailers got stuck in the snow.



Lily Nace

Ambassador initiatives have been started by kids of all ages. Lily Nace, who is only 5 years old, raised \$65! She made colorful bracelets and necklaces herself and sold them to family and friends.



Dittmann Ambassador Family, Honduras

On Saturday, March 5, Mrs. Heike Dittmann held a successful JustWorld Horseless Horse Show in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. We greatly appreciate her support in organizing the event at her farm, Club Ecuestre Valle Verde. Many of the children were unable to attend the event due to a soccer tournament, including her daughter Maria Pia Morales Dittmann who is a new ambassador, but the event was a great success. They raised 1,400 lempiras from the Horseless Horse Show and 2,500 lempiras from a raffle of four bottles of wine, for a total of 3,900 lempiras, or \$206.40 US.

Gabby Hero

Do you enjoy baking? Ambassador Gabby Hero certainly does! She's been holding bake sales at Old Salem Farm in New York, raising \$354! She baked all the cupcakes at her house (red velvet, vanilla and chocolate), decorated them with JustWorld colored sprinkles, and sold them with her friend, Kristen Lutz, at the Winter Series Horse Shows. A special thank you to Old Salem Farm for letting them hold the bake sales, being really accommodating, and even buying cupcakes themselves!

Mallory Robalino Goes Shark Diving to Raise Funds for JustWorld!

Mallory Robalino ordered wristbands that said "Together for a Just World" and sold them all over Long Island to both horse people and non-horse people. To encourage donations, she agreed to go shark diving if she sold 100 wristbands! Last Saturday, she went diving with her best friend after reaching her goal, and now they are at almost \$300 for JustWorld and raising more everyday. Ambassador Emma Cary also helped her sell bracelets at a local swap night.

Tiffany Molina and Adrianna Sierra, Honduras



On December 18, 2010, Ambassadors Tiffany Molina and Adriana Sierra organized a JustWorld Horseless Horse Show at Karen Atala's Club Ecuestre La Herradura in Tegucigalpa, with Karen's great support and generosity. The event raised 4,000 lempiras, or \$211.70 US, which will help the Just-World Honduras projects.



Guatemala Update:

Los Patojos Expands

fter an excellent appearance at JustWorld's 2011 "A Night in Paris" gala, Juan Pablo Romero Fuentes, leader of Los Patojos and the revolutionary changes it has brought to the local community of Jocotenango, goes back to an exciting new year of opportunities, advancing—along with his dedicated staff—a collective vision of youth well being and expression in Guatemala.

Juan Pablo's visit to the Wellington, Florida, gala was an opportunity for JustWorld supporters to meet the remarkable person behind Los Patojos and for the members of the JustWorld delegation to Los Patojos in November to welcome a friend to the United States.

Thanks to the high visibility of the impact of the project at the local and regional level, Los Patojos was able to obtain a new space in Jocotenango to start operations for this new calendar year. We look forward to this promising expansion with the continuing support of JustWorld's international and Guatemalan community donors.

The new annex—in close proximity to the main Patojos house—provides improved and bigger spaces for the installation of a new youth center, previously located in a smaller temporary space. This new annex will greatly help ease the growing need for space, as the popularity and demand for services increase among children and adolescents in the area.

The center will also offer an improved space for the health clinic, as well as open spaces for school reinforcement sessions, a readers' club, language training, youth journalism and artistic expression classes, as well as for cultural activities. These are just a few of the multiple uses conceived by the organization as they commence this new endeavor.

With a firm belief in the positive impact of Los Patojos' intervention in Guatemala, JustWorld International is proud to extend this great partnership and contribute to their programs for another year. We commend the steadfastness of our Guatemalan JustWorld family, helping at a local level to increase awareness of the project, providing not only financial support but also physical resources and technical advice to help Los Patojos keep their steady course to success.

We look forward to seeing dreams and ideas in action during our Spring trip to Guatemala on May 1-9, 2011. There we also have the pleasure to be special guests at El Cortijo International Horse Show, thanks to the always-welcoming invitation of our professional Rider Ambassador Juan Andres Rodriguez.



Ambassadors Reflect on Their Visit to Los Patojos and the Festival Ecuestre El Cortijo in Guatemala

special feature of being a JustWorld International donor or Rider Ambassador is the ability to visit projects sites to witness the positive changes JustWorld and its partner organizations are bringing to the children in JustWorld projects. In November 2010, a delegation of Ambassadors, donors, and their families joined JustWorld Executive Director Jessica Newman and staff members Alejandro Alvarez, Naomi Spillane, and Caitlin Demaree-Dyer to travel to Guatemala to visit Los Patojos, JustWorld's partner in Jocotenango, near Antigua.

The JustWorld delegation spent the beginning of their week sharing time with the children and staff at Los Patojos, partaking in the children's after-school activities and performances. The delegation also visited Guatemalan cultural and historical sites. Rounding out the exciting agenda for the week, Ambassadors participated at the Festival Ecuestre El Cortijo horse show as special guest riders for JustWorld International, participating in the show ring and in the fundraising activities with our Guatemalan equestrian community.

During the trip, Projects Manager Alejandro Alvarez began the JustWorld Youth Media Project with the young people of Los Patojos, teaching them video production and human rights education as they learned self-expression through creating videos of their lives, hopes, and dreams. The first video shot predominantly by the Los Patojos kids was featured at the 2011 JustWorld gala, "A Night in Paris," and introduced to guests by Los Patojos's founder, Juan Pablo Romero Fuentes. The guests were charmed by the kids' earnest endeavors and touching images, and impressed with the already evident video skills. The video will be posted on the upcoming new JustWorld website (www.justworldinternational.org).

Members of the November JustWorld delegation offer their thoughts below of their experience in Guatemala at Los Patojos and while attending the Festival Ecuestre El Cortijo horse show.

Young Rider Ambassador Alex Afzal



Guatemala was so fun. It was such a great experience and we got to see first-hand the cause we are helping. I got to meet other Ambassadors from all around the country as well as the JustWorld representatives; everyone was so nice. When we first got to Guatemala, I didn't really know what to expect. It was really fun getting to walk around Antigua and see some of the sights and happening places of Guatemala.

When we visited Los Patojos, we were immediately greeted by so many kids and staff members. The kids were so thankful for everything we have been doing and were jumping up at the chance to spend time with us. It was such a wonderful feeling to see the impact we make on so many of their lives. I am so thankful for what I have and loved getting the chance to share what I could with the kids at Los Patojos.

Riding in the El Cortijo horse show was also an amazing experience. We got to meet the other Ambassadors from Guatemala who were so welcoming of the JustWorld delegation. The horses were very nice, and it was a blast getting to ride in the horse show. We also held a JustWorld Horseless Horse Show while we were there, along with another fundraiser that was held as part of one of the big jumper classes.

It was remarkable to see how everyone really came together to support the cause. JustWorld is impacting the lives of so many children, and I loved how involved everyone is. The trip to Guatemala was a truly amazing and unforgettable experience. I hope I can participate in more project trips in the future!

Volunteer Sabrina Jurak on the Los Patojos Experience



This past fall I was given the opportunity to experience an in-the-field position with JustWorld International as a volunteer for 10 weeks at Los Patojos in Jocotenango,

Sacatepéquez, Guatemala. The philosophy of this project is "Sueños e Ideas en Accion" which translates into "Dreams and Ideas in Action." I have never met a team so devoted and passionate about making the dreams and ideas of the youth in Guatemala a reality for the future. The core team of teachers at the Los Patojos project is comprised of Guatemalan natives who have personally experienced the difficulties of growing up in a community where lives are controlled by the devastatingly large and constant growth of the illegal drug trade. Juan Pablo Romero Fuentes, the founder and director of the project, calls the Los Patojos project a "revolution through love and education" in the Jocotenango community.

Four years ago, Juan Pablo began this project as an after-school program, based out of his family's home, in which the children from the community could gather to learn and develop fundamental life skills through different means of artistic expression and critical thinking activities. Through this project, Juan Pablo began his "fight to model a society based on 'global thoughts and local actions,' forge promises, undermine the idea that 'no one here does anything of any importance,' reject the regressive attitudes and parasitic mentalities of society, defend inclusion and the need for change, and set the building blocks for a healthy and happy community," according to Rafael Romero. In present day Jocotenango, the project has made a name for itself by providing underprivileged children with an education, healthy eating habits, proper health care, and a chance for active daily participation in civic duties.

In the two short months as a volunteer here, I became seriously inspired and passionate about the cause here at Los Patojos. The children I have had the honor getting to know at the project are some of the most thankful and selfless people I have ever had the joy of working with.

Young Rider Ambassador Madison Bradshaw



What a fantastic experience! There are no words to describe my feelings about my time in Guatemala, but here is a try. Opportunities like this one, created by JustWorld International, are invaluable, because they have intensified my desire to do more and my pride in being part of such an inspirational organization.

Meeting the children at Los Patojos was the best part of the trip and was one of the most motivating experiences of my life. The children were so genuinely excited to see us, and when they swarmed us with hugs it melted my heart. Talking to the children and Juan Pablo about what these kids have to face on a daily basis but seeing how strong and how proud they are of what they have accomplished at Los Patojos made me swell with pride to see that these were the types of kids I get to help. Everything these kids have been able to do as a result of Los Patojos and JustWorld International is so remarkable and inspiring. They were all so excited to show us what they had been working on, and they were so talented.

All of the children I spoke to said that they want to go college and without JustWorld and

Los Patojos that dream would never be possible. I cannot express the respect and admiration I have for each child there and the strength and support that they give one another. I felt like I was visiting one huge family and within five minutes I had been welcomed into it and I was a member of the family.

The first two days with the children could not have been more amazing, and El Cortijo was just the icing on the cake! It was wonderful being at a horse show in a completely different country. I felt so proud being there representing JustWorld. It was fascinating to see the similarities and differences between riding and horse shows in Guatemala and in the United States. Juan Andres (Rodriguez, a JustWorld Rider Ambassador and owner of El Cortijo) was an amazing host, and the horses I rode were incredible. I absolutely loved them. Michael Morrissey, also a JustWorld Rider Ambassador, did a fabulous job schooling everyone, and I learned so much from both Michael and Juan Andres. Isa (Corletto, a JustWorld Junior Rider Ambassador) was also a brilliant host. She taught me so much about riding in Guatemala and life in Guatemala.

It was interesting to compare and contrast with my experiences in the States. Saturday was the perfect culmination of both events. Seeing the kids and sharing my passion with them was extraordinary. I enjoyed watching the older kids cheer on the younger ones in the JustWorld Horseless Horse Show; they were all so supportive of one another, like one huge family. No one was "too cool" and it was refreshing to see that attitude in boys that age! I was proud to support these kids and help make their lives special when they themselves work so hard to ensure that the younger ones have the support that they need.

Nobody in my family wanted to leave. My little brother was climbing a tree above a cement block with his new best friend, Nico, Isa's brother. My mom asked him, "Do you want to go home tomorrow or do you want to end up in the hospital?" He responded, "I don't want to leave tomorrow! I want to stay!" That was the way we all felt. I must have hugged Isa good-bye six or seven times!

This visit to Los Patojos has given me the personal connection that is lacking in so many non-profit organizations and brings so much more importance to my work as a JustWorld Ambassador. I try to explain to kids at school why they should donate, but to them the kids at Los Patojos are just children in another country. The trip to Guatemala has made them so much more than that to me. It is hard to explain just how my views have changed, but I now feel that those kids have become part of my family, just as they accepted me into theirs.

I wish the trip could be a requirement for every Ambassador because it brings so much more magnitude to the work that we do. Seeing just where the money goes, how deserving and appreciative the children in the projects are, and how far a little can go is a remarkable experience. I now walk into the show arena and I am not just jumping for me, but I jump for the kids at Los Patojos and that sense of being part of something so much bigger than me is very special. Sharing it with my family enriched the experience even more.

My mother and two brothers, ages 13 and 10, came with me to Guatemala. Sharing this with them enriched the experience even more. I was able to share my passion with them and see it through my younger brothers' eyes. Seeing how this experience affected them just reinforced my commitment. I really appreciate this opportunity to visit Los Patojos and the opportunity for my brothers to join me. Having this type of experience at a young age will shape the type of people we grow up to be; it has certainly changed the way I look at my life.

We all hear the stories about what goes on in other countries, but until you have a personal connection to it, it has less significance. People always say, "Just go there, it makes all the difference." I never realized just how true that is. Each one of the kids at Los Patojos is so incredibly special and talented that I am proud to know them and bring what change I can to enrich their lives. I cannot wait to go back and visit all of my new friends there!



Amateur Rider Ambassador Emily Pope

I thought the whole experience was amazing. I had shown abroad before, but I had never had the opportunity to go to one of the project sites, which was my favorite part of the whole trip. It was so much fun to get to interact with the kids at Los Patojos and meet some of the people who make it all possible. Antigua was just beautiful; I loved having the opportunity to learn about Guatemalan culture, seeing the old buildings, and especially interacting with people in the markets—and seeing the textile work down there was just amazing! I also thought going to the coffee museum was really interesting, as we got a chance to see how the coffee is processed and even got to taste some of it, which added to the experience.

Young Rider Ambassador Molly Newsome

Molly was so moved by her experience in Guatemala that she wrote to her extended family and friends to share her experience and suggest that they consider a holiday donation to JustWorld. Here is her letter of December 4, 2010:

Dear Friends and Family,

Happy Holidays! It's the season of giving, gifting, and (I am still 17) getting. What are your holiday gift giving ideas for this year? I know many children who won't be getting any special gifts this season. In fact, for most of the year, these children go without many of the day-to-day necessities that we take for granted. This November, just before Thanksgiving, I visited Guatemala with Just World International (JWI). Many of you might know JWI as the charity that Riley (Molly's younger sister and fellow Rider Ambassador) and I ride for and donate our winnings to. That is correct, but since my visit there, I know it as so much more.



When there are generations living in poverty, the children often go without the foundations they need to one day break that poverty chain. Therefore, this poverty continues from generation to generation. Malnutrition has lasting effects for these kids and a major hindrance to normal childhood development. These same kids have few educational opportunities. Guatemala has one of the highest poverty rates in Latin America and more than 75 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. In order to help these children break out of the cycle of poverty, government and charitable organizations need to ensure that these kids get proper nutrition and access to education. JustWorld has programs in place that work to get kids the education and nutrition that they need to succeed in life.

My time in Guatemala included visits to Los Patojos. "Los Patojos" means "Little Rascals," and it is the name of the after-school activity center in Antigua, Guatemala, that JWI helps to sponsor. When I walked into the center, it was so bright and full of colors that it made me feel happy to be there. I thought that the children who come from such poverty would be depressed and withdrawn, but instead I saw right away that they were cheerful and grateful for this great place where they can go to have fun, just be a kid, and feel safe.

Los Patojos is a place where each child can work on his or her special talent. We saw breakdancing, singing, and a magic show. There is also space and tutors for homework. It is here where I witnessed, firsthand, the programs that Just World has in place and the wonderful effects they have on the kids. JWI helps to provide kids with the nutrition that they need by offering a community kitchen that helps feed 250 families in the surrounding area. Schools are free in Guatemala, but families have to pay for things like uniforms, books, and school supplies. Most families can't even afford this, so Just World helps these families by giving shoes, clothes, school supplies, and other necessities for school.

Just World has many programs like this all over the world that focus on nutrition and education, the keys to helping kids break out of poverty. I have included our JWI 2010 Project Gift Catalog. If you could just take a minute or two to read through the brief descriptions of some of the wonderful projects JWI has in Cambodia, Senegal, Honduras, and of course, Guatemala. I would also like you to consider giving a gift of hope by sponsoring or "Adopting a Project" from our Gift Catalog. If you feel it is the right time to give a gift or donation you can go to the Just World International website, www.justworldinternational.org and click on 'Give To JustWorld.' You can also make your donation through Network for Good, www.networkforgood.org. Make sure you enter JustWorld as one word. They are based in Wellington, FL, so you can make sure you've selected the right charity. Finally, you know you can always send me a check (made out to Just World International) and I'll get it in the hands of the right people. We will send you an adoption certificate for you to personalize for your gift recipient.

You all are very special to me. I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday season that is filled with family, good food, and lots of laughs. Love and Peace, Molly Newsome



By Alejandro Alvarez

Helping where and when help is needed most, JustWorld International has provided unwavering support to the most vulnerable sector of the population in Honduras: the children.

Despite the political unrest of the past year in Honduras, JustWorld has been providing uninterrupted nutrition, health, and education to thousands of children, the most precious asset for a country to thrive. This is possible because we comprise a big family of dedicated people in the country, as well as a supportive group of Ambassadors and equestrians that help keep the course of success.

During my first project visit to Honduras, I met the wonderful staff of Compartir, and seeing the JustWorld Mobile Library project in action was an unforgettable experience. I also had the pleasure to spend time with Frances Vinelli, the founder and driving force behind the success of the Angelworks scholarship program, along with her protégé and successor Miriam Kafie. I also had the opportunity to visit the stable of La Herradura, where I received a warm welcome from Rider Ambassador Titi Mills, Karen Atala, and many other faces from the Honduran equestrian community. Finally, I left Tegucigalpa on my way to the north coast, where I spent a fruitful time meeting and working together with the Garifuna community in Tornabé at the Natalie Johnson Center for a Just World.

Already on the first day of my visit to the slums of Tegucigalpa, I was able to fully experience the impact of JustWorld's support there. On my way uphill in the slums of Villa Nueva, we arrived at the first stop of the day for the Mobile Library. What seemed to be an empty, dusty soccer field was filled up in a matter of minutes by groups of children running down from the surrounding makeshift houses, looking for another opportunity to play, read, and learn in this isolated sector of the city. We followed the route of the Mobile Library to two other hard-to-reach locations in the slums of Los Pinos and Nueva Suyapa, witnessing that magical moment repeating over again.

"The Mobile Library has become a synonym of joy and happiness for hundreds of children here," explained Sandra Yadira Sauceda, Coordinator of Education Programs at Compartir. "This is a positive and effective program of recreation and learning that prepares them and encourages their entry in the school system."

This innovative approach of child outreach provides a positive stimulus for more than 1,000 children on a continuing basis, at critical ages for their cognitive development. JustWorld International is proud to fund the operations of this noble program for another year, supporting the hard work and vision of our dedicated local partner, Compartir.

After a successful first day, the second was quite complementary. Early in the morning, I met with Fran and Miriam, who passionately spoke about the impact of JustWorld's partnership with Angelworks. Miriam took over the reins of Angelworks in 2010 when Fran announced her retirement.

"Angelworks would have not grown this much along the years without the support that JustWorld International has constantly given," Miriam declared. "Now that we start a new chapter, we hope this alliance will endure and strengthen to reach the most needed. Child by child we can write a history of success, and they will be the engine of development that our country needs to get out of poverty."

This year JustWorld International is supporting the provision of scholarships for more than 200 students with good academic standing across nine different schools in poor rural communities, providing them with uniforms and the supplies they need to go to school. We look forward to another year of academic success and opportunity for these children through Angelworks.

After this pleasant meeting, I visited the stables of La Herradura, where I was able to meet some of the faces of the Honduran equestrian community. Karen Atala and her family, who have been great allies of JustWorld along the years, gave me a great welcome to the arena where our Horseless Horse Shows have taken place in previous years, and expressed their enthusiasm for upcoming activities this year, where our JustWorld family will be hosting Horseless Horse Shows in Tegucigalpa as well as in San Pedro Sula, welcoming new allies in support for JustWorld projects. I also had the opportunity to meet Tiffany Molina and Adriana Serra, two of our young committed Rider Ambassadors, who expressed their excitement to collaborate on another year of fundraising activities for the children of Honduras.

While at La Herradura, I enjoyed sharing time with Titi Mills, our first Honduran Ambassador and a committed equestrian instructor who was teaching a group of young equestrian students. Titi, who lives in the United States, has been a vital member of our work in Honduras from the beginning, providing a bridge of communication between the projects and the equestrian community. Not too long before my arrival, Titi conducted a clinic at La Herradura and at El Molino, the riding club she started many years ago, to benefit JustWorld as part of the equestrian and humanitarian activities she tries to foster while in Honduras.



























For the rest of my stay, I said good-bye to Tegucigalpa, traveling all the way to the coast via San Pedro Sula, Honduras's second major city. After a few hours drive, we arrived at the small town of Tornabé, in close proximity to the tourist beach town of Tela. I received a warm welcome at the Natalie Johnson Center for a JustWorld (NJO) by dozens of children, as well as their tutors and staff. Since the beginning of our partnership, NJO has grown exponentially, currently providing school supplies and school fees, a lunch program, and after-school activities to around 130 children, all taking place now in a new center that provides spaces for them to thrive.

"Looking back when we had nothing and we had to move materials around on a small wagon, we have come a long a way," expressed Martina Melendez, sub-director and educator for primary level. "JustWorld has helped us dream bigger."

As a key accomplishment of 2010, the NJO center completed their full electrical infrastructure, which will provide them a greater sense of independence and enhanced functionality for their activities.

Mainly inhabited by the Garifuna, an Afro-indigenous community, Tornabé has been economically isolated and suffers from a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS. Many of the children that NJO serves are HIV positive, many orphaned by parents who died from the disease. To tackle this, NJO has strengthened an alliance with a health center in Tela to receive retroviral medicine, as well as other health care and psychosocial services for the children.

Started as a partnership between the Tornabé community and JustWorld International, we have provided support to NJO along their growth path, and empowered their members to make a transformative intervention for the future of the children in the community. As the amount of school and after-school support through JustWorld programs has increased in numbers, so have the academic outcomes of the children, who are now becoming role models for the community as a whole.

"We want to prepare our children to take the opportunities out there for them," said Marvin Valerio, Executive Director of NJO. "We want them ready when they come."

Tornabé is in close proximity to current hotel and resort developments for tourism in Tela. This has the potential of offering employment possibilities for the community in the near future.

For 2011, JustWorld International is pleased to support the activities of NJO and to provide another year of funding for nutrition, school, and after-school programs, so that children are nourished and have all the tools they need to learn and proudly wear their uniforms on their way to school.

In Honduras, thanks to the commitment and collective purpose of our project partners and our equestrian allies—of all ages—Just-World International is helping children with no other means to go to school. Being that Honduras was our first country of action, it was a rewarding experience to take the memory lane and see the legacy of work, the faces, and the hope our family has brought.

My sincere thanks to Compartir, Angelworks, NJO, and the Honduran equestrian community for opening their doors and sharing their stories of positive change.

Whole Foods Market Block Party & Recipe Competition

Thole Foods Market in Wellington, Florida, the Event Sponsor for the 2011 JustWorld Annual Gala, held a Block Party & Recipe Competition on January 11 to boost community awareness of JustWorld's programs and Whole Foods Market's support of JustWorld. Event attendees voted on their favorite dish while learning about the organization.

Lauren Belinsky, marketing and community relations specialist for Whole Foods, thought a block party was the perfect way to usher in the show season: "We wanted to welcome the equestrian community back by supporting an equestrian-based charity."

Five departments competed for attendees' vote by creating dishes to sample that represented JustWorld projects in Brazil, Cambodia, Honduras, Guatemala, and Senegal. The Honduran Tres Leches cake won the recipe competition.

In addition to receiving "bragging rights," the winning department's project location receives a care package full of all natural and nutritious foods from Whole Foods Market.









Ambassador Alex Zachowski hosts at the Senegal tasting station



Lisa Desousa introducing guests to the Honduras tasting station



Ambassador Candace Wagner and friend at the Cambodia tasting station

Horsin' Around with the Florida Panthers

n Sunday, January 2, JustWorld International was invited to be part of the excitement at the Florida Panthers versus New York Rangers hockey game, thanks to Ambassador Ray Texel and Pine Hollow Farm.



Ambassadors Sebastien Chevez and Amber Hopper



Spears recruiting young ambassadors



Panthers vs. Rangers Game

Outside the Bank Atlantic Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Perfect Party Ponies provided pony rides to kids during pre-game festivities, showing off JustWorld saddle pads!

JustWorld Ambassador Ray Texel, a USA Olympic Team Selector and International Professional Rider and Trainer, met with guests in the Coach's Club and shot the puck to commence the Game.

Junior Ambassadors Chase Spears, Amber Hopper, and Sebastien Cheves de Rize did a fantastic job promoting JustWorld to thousands of visitors during the event, handing out pins, stickers, and brochures as well as sharing JustWorld's mission and their own passions for humanitarian efforts.

A portion of the ticket prices from the Coach's Club Seats was donated to JustWorld, raising \$340.



Ambassador Rider Round-Up



Andres Rodriguez

Venezuela's Andres Rodriguez started the new year off right by riding Da Vinci to victory in the \$25,000 Grand Prix, presented by Pfizer Animal Health, during the HITS January Classic in Ocala, Florida. Impressive results all winter long included six wins in the highly competitive 1.40m division at the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival, culminating in a third place finish with Secret in the grand finale, the \$500,000 FTI Consulting Grand Prix on March 26.



Luciana Diniz

Luciana Diniz, who represents Portugal in international competition, has enjoyed two victories so far in 2011. Earlier in the year, Luciana won the €23,000 Provincie Noord-Holland competition at CSI4* Amsterdam, The Netherlands, riding Lennox and, more recently, won the €34,000 Premio Vigo held during CSI5*-W Vigo, Spain, with her top mount, Winningmood. A JustWorld Rider Ambassador since 2006, Luciana introduced JustWorld International to its project site in Brazil.



Herve Godignon

French Olympian Herve Godignon celebrated victory in Portugal on March 20 by winning the €26,000 Torismo Grand Prix during CSI4* Comporta IV. Riding Carolus Z, Herve was the only rider to post double clear rounds for the win. A long-time Rider Ambassador, Herve is also a member of the JustWorld International Advisory Board.



Philippe Rozier

French Rider Ambassador Philippe Rozier gave himself a birth-day present by winning the Prix France Bleu riding Jadis de Toscane on February 5 at CSI5*-W Bordeaux, France. Philippe's winning streak continued at CSI5*-W Goteborg, Sweden, where he claimed the €73,700 Goteborg Trophy riding Randgraaf.



Laura Kraut

American Rider Ambassador Laura Kraut capped off her highly successful FTI Winter Equestrian Festival circuit in Wellington, Florida, with a win in the \$500,000 FTI Consulting Grand Prix, held Saturday night, March 26. Laura and Cedric jumped double clear and set a blistering fast time in the jump-off that could not be beat. The jump-off field also included fellow JustWorld Rider Ambassadors Andres Rodriguez, who placed third with Secret, Candice King who was sixth with Skara Glen's Davos, and Eric Lamaze who finished seventh riding Sidoline van de Centaur.

Beval Saddlery

Becomes
JustWorld's Official
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Beval Saddlery is now carrying JustWorld International's signature horse and rider apparel at its three permanent retail locations in Gladstone, NJ, New Canaan, CT, and North Salem, NY, as well as online at www.beval.com. In addition, all merchandise is available in Beval's retail boutique onsite at the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival show grounds in Wellington, FL.

Rider Ambassadors can purchase JustWorld signature Horseware Ireland jersey coolers and mesh coolers and JustWorld show jackets by Grand Prix at Beval's rather than through the JustWorld office. Rider Ambassadors and the general public can also purchase JustWorld Horseware Ireland all-purpose saddle pads and JustWorld SSG riding gloves.

JustWorld signature clothing is also available, including children's dry fit t-shirts by Danskin, ladies dry fit shirt by SLVR, and the ever-popular JustWorld polo shirts, produced by Vicomte Arthur.

Modestly priced items for supporters of all ages include the JustWorld bracelet and supporter pin.



JustWorld International Horseless Horse Show Held for the Sixth Year at the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival

n annual tradition since 2006, this year's JustWorld International Horseless Horse Show at the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL, was presented by the Dutta Corporation on February 18.

Held for the first time on a Friday night, rather than on Saturday as in the past, the Horseless Horse Show saw 85 participants, many of whom competed in multiple classes for a total of 129 entries. By the end of the evening and with the generous sponsorship of the Dutta Corporation, a total of \$7,475 was raised for JustWorld International's project sites in Brazil, Cambodia, Guatemala, Honduras, and Senegal.

Set in the DeNemethy Arena at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, the courses were designed by JustWorld Technical Official Ambassador Anthony D'Ambrosio and featured custom sponsor mini-jumps made by JustWorld's Hector Cano. Junior, amateur, and professional Rider Ambassadors acted as officials, in-gate starters, and jump crew for the competition, assisted by other volunteers. Special thanks to Technical Officials Cesar Hirsch, Neil O'Connor, and Judy Covert and Rider Ambassador Kris Moyer for judging, and to frequent JustWorld volunteer Judy Howard for announcing the entire event.

The Whole Foods Children's Jumpers attracted the largest number of entries with a total of 38 children vying for victory. Ford Wilt emerged the winner over Connor Dobbs and Grace Leslie. The Antarès Short Stirrup Jumpers again saw Ford Wilt the winner over 30 other entries. Ella Bostwick placed second while there was a tie for third between Gabrielle Heilbrunn and Emma Fletcher.

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The Horseware Ireland Grand Prix had 22 entries, with Leslie Stark taking victory over Adrian Navarro and Christina Kelly. The popular Pair Relay, sponsored by Sportfot, which requires the traditional passing of the baton, attracted 18 entries. In the end, Carolina Salazar and Leslie Stark took top spot over Alex King and Christina Kelly and third-placed finishers Kavan Dobos and Connor Dobos.

Equestrian Sport Productions, host of the FTI Winter Equestrian Festival, provided the ribbons, while Gallop Home, maker of horse gifts, collectibles, puzzles, and a board game, donated prizes for the top three spots in each class. Jennifer Jones, founder of Gallop Home, made the trip from Tampa to hand-deliver the prizes. Jennifer is also donating Gallop Home prizes for the JustWorld International Horseless Horse Show at the Gene Mische American Invitational in Tampa on April 9.

The High Jump class is a fan favorite, as competitors jump higher and higher to decide the winner. In this year's class, sponsored by the Dutta Corporation, Alejandro Karolyi and Luis Fernando Larrazabal tied for the win after successfully clearing 1.55m. Karolyi of Venezuela currently holds the JustWorld Horseless Horse Show High Jump record, having successfully jumped 1.65m on foot during the Horseless Horse Show held at the Bromont International in Quebec, Canada, in July 2010.

"Our annual Horseless Horse Show is one of my favorite fundraising events of the year," said Jessica Newman, Executive Director of JustWorld International." It is wonderful for families and friends to come out and have a good time, and to see everyone smiling and having fun while also supporting JustWorld is all that I can ask for. I would especially like to thank Gallop Home for donating the prizes and Equestrian Sport Productions for allowing us to host the event at this fabulous venue."



 $Competitors\ at\ the\ jump\ of\ Horseless\ Horse\ Show\ Presenting\ Sponsor\ Dutta\ Corp$



Francie Steinwedell with Horseless Horse Show Competitors

SENEGAL: JustWorld Partner Tostan's Successful Intervention Reaches Bigger Scale

fter four years of successful collaboration between JustWorld International and our partner Tostan, the Talibé Education Project - a JustWorld-funded initiative to provide secular education for children sent for religious study at koranic schools in Senegal - has run its course as a successful program helping children in need. It is now propelling a wide regional community intervention for child protection in the upcoming months.

The talibés (meaning "students") are children from poor rural families sent to the cities to live at religious schools (known as daaras) because their families cannot afford public schools. According to Senegalese tradition, the daaras are responsible for housing and feeding the talibés, but often the schools themselves have very few resources. Instructions at the daaras are given in the local languages, whereas the official language of Senegal is French. Most of these students become street children who must resort to begging for money for their food and shelter.

In 2007, with support from JustWorld, Tostan launched an education program offering classes in French, civics, and math to talibés at 17 daaras in the city of Theis. These classes were critical means of changing these children's lives for the better by preparing them for participation in the larger French-speaking Senegalese economy. Talibés in the program's first year had a 94 percent rate of success in acquiring French language skills and 85 percent rate of success in learning math skills.

The JustWorld grant covered books and supplies as well as stipends for 15 teachers, each of whom teaches at two daaras. Tostan monitors reported that the JustWorld-funded Talibé Education Project was well received by the teachers in the daaras, as well as in the local communities where it was implemented.

Over the years, our collaboration allowed Tostan to expand the Talibé Education Project beyond its initial scope, reaching implementation in 30 daaras, offering classes to 571 participants with a quarterly attendance rate of 92 percent.

The project has become a successful exemplar of the feasible modernization of daaras, providing support to the cultural context from a secular and child-rights perspective.

Parallel to our efforts, in recent months Senegalese legislature has taken unprecedented steps to forbid and further prosecute marabouts (religious leaders who run these daaras) who enlist children for begging practices. This has been a complex process of change, since many in the country still regard the practice of begging as a sacred legacy and tradition.

After long examination and assessment of our joint initiative in views of the current events, it has become an imperative to modify the existing nature of JustWorld's engagement with Tostan. In order to avoid indirectly fostering the ongoing

migration patterns of talibés to the cities and encouraging the negative practice of child begging, which, given our standpoint on child rights and advocacy, we don't support, Tostan and JustWorld decided to align with the country's critical momentum to advance and enforce child protection.

At this crossroad, with a sound body of experience as a result of our partnership, Tostan is discontinuing the Talibé Education Project and is instead mobilizing efforts for a wide community empowerment platform. This will consist of the training and deployment of facilitators to urban and rural areas in the region, with the purpose of developing community stakeholder meetings and workshops centered on the topic of child protection and awareness-raising about the current changes in the law regarding talibés.

Due to the distinctive programmatic nature of the initiative at this early stage of its development, JustWorld will not be contributing directly at this moment. Yet, we will continue to keep close contact with Tostan as the new community empowerment platform evolves. JustWorld would consider funding a Tostan program in the future should one emerge from their current endeavor that fits JustWorld's criteria: a program that directly benefits children through education, nutrition, and health care.

Our alliance with Tostan in the Talibé Project has tremendously benefited hundreds of children in Senegal and has contributed to the development of larger platforms of action for their protection. We look forward to maintaining and enriching our collaboration with Tostan in the years to come, as our JustWorld family maintains its much-needed presence in Africa.

From the Tostan Team:

"Considerable positive changes have occurred in addressing the talibé situation from the collaboration between Just World and Tostan. These improvements can be seen in their appearance, health, hygiene and enthusiasm to be involved in their communities. Not only has the program empowered talibés, but also all their marabouts, godmothers, and communities. The responsibility these actors have taken towards their children and protecting their rights has dramatically improved their lives. High attendance rates, levels of mastery of various class subjects and an overall enthusiasm for the program documents how successfully the project is working. While the project is anticipated to take a more all-encompassing route in the year to follow to further address the needs of all the communities of children, there is promise that it will be yet another successful collaboration between Just World and Tostan that improves children's lives."

Spotlight - Stephanie Tidball



Stephanie Tidball visiting the Los Patojos project in Guatemala

or Stephanie Tidball, becoming involved with JustWorld International led to a return to the saddle following an 11-year absence. Stephanie, who is the Marketing and Hospitality Manager at Thunderbird Show Park, had last competed at the age of 16 in the prestigious ASPCA Maclay Finals in 1999 in New York City's Madison Square Garden. When she chose to accompany JustWorld representatives on a project site visit to Guatemala in November of 2010, she once again found herself in the saddle.

Canada's Thunderbird Show Park, located just south of Vancouver, began hosting fundraising events for JustWorld in 2009. As Stephanie explains, "Tani Ziedler came to us and told us about the organization, as both she and her daughter Julia are Rider Ambassadors. We are often approached by different charities and find it difficult to pick one to support, but JustWorld made it easy for us. It was started by a former rider, and we loved the mandate of JustWorld. We thought it tied in really well, so it was an easy decision for us to make."

Growing from the first JustWorld Horseless Horse Show held in 2009, events at Thunderbird now incorporate fundraising and awareness into all of its competitions in some form or another. In addition to supporting the annual JustWorld Horseless Horse Show, people can make a donation at any time on

their horse show account. For 2011, the Dianne Tidball Legacy Grand Prix scheduled for August 19 has been earmarked as a JustWorld fundraiser. A portion of the entry fees will go to JustWorld, as will a portion of the ticket sales from the luncheon in the spectator tent.

With the relationship evolving between Thunderbird and JustWorld, in 2010 Stephanie attended the annual JustWorld gala in Wellington, Florida, and returned in 2011 as a volunteer. To really gain the full impact of JustWorld's work, Stephanie accompanied the JustWorld delegation on its project site visit to Guatemala, which also offered the opportunity to compete in a horse show organized by Guatemalan Olympian and JustWorld Rider Ambassador Juan Andres Rodriguez.

"It was incredible," said Stephanie of the experience. "We'd been involved for two years, and I wanted to know what I was supporting and promoting. I wanted to have first-hand experience. It was amazing to see where the money is going, to see the kids benefiting, and to see the success that they are experiencing down there."

As a partner horse show, Thunderbird not only selects specific JustWorld projects to fundraise for but also recognizes the need to promote JustWorld's work.

"I think that in the horse show world, we tend to live in our own little happy cloud of reality," Stephanie said. "We are so lucky to live in our situation, and it is really important to help out where we can. For the younger people, it is a great way for them to see outside of the horse show world. It also develops camaraderie within the horse show world when you are coming together for the common good.



"I love how JustWorld partners with horse shows all over the world," she continued. "It is so great to meet these people and to have this instant connection with other show organizers and Rider Ambassadors and their families. Guatemala is a great model of what is possible. Jessica has created this model where people within their own communities are helping each other. I'm really excited to be involved, and I love the people."

Junior Ambassador Spotlight – Thiele Schroeder



s a Junior Ambassador, Thiele Schroeder has found a unique way to combine her love of two sports for the benefit of JustWorld International. As most Rider Ambassadors do, Thiele supports JustWorld through her riding, but she also used her involvement with Tae Kwon Do to fundraise for the non-profit organization.

Last November, Thiele, who is a second-degree black belt, organized a 'Break-a-thon' fundraising event where competitors attempted to break as many boards as possible in a one-minute period. Participants asked their family and friends to make a pledge for every board that they were able to break. In the end, the successful event raised approximately \$10,000 for JustWorld International, not to mention exposing a whole new audience to JustWorld's work.

Thiele was inspired to become a JustWorld Rider Ambassador by her friend Sophie Simpson. A trip to Belle Herbe Farm in Wellington, Florida, where JustWorld is headquartered, sealed the deal.

"Sophie and I met each other in 2009 when I was showing in Wellington for the first time," says



Thiele. "Sophie had been an Ambassador for about a year then, and I knew it was a good cause. She took me to the farm one day and everyone was really welcoming."

Thiele, who lives in Dayton, Ohio, has since returned to Wellington in 2010 and 2011, most recently showing in the Children's Jumper 14-17 division under the guidance of American Olympian Leslie Howard. On Sundays for the 'Classic,' the most prestigious competition of the week, Thiele always wears her signature blue JustWorld jacket.

While in Wellington, the 15-year-old has also participated in and helped to organize the JustWorld Horseless Horse Shows for the past three years. Last summer, Thiele was competing at yet another JustWorld partner event, the International Bromont in Canada, and had the opportunity to be actively involved with the Horseless Horse Show held there.

"I like that I am able to help so many kids in other countries by doing what I love to do – by riding," says the freshman at Westminster School.

In addition to donating 10 percent of all her prize money earnings from competing, Thiele also makes an annual donation to JustWorld International, saying, "It is a really great cause, and the kids in other countries need things that we take for granted. It is an easy way to help all of those kids."

Whether it is another Tae Kwon Do 'Break-a-thon' fundraiser or a prize money check when she reaches her goal of competing at the North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships, Thiele plans to be a Rider Ambassador making a difference for years to come.

Sponsor Spotlight – Lauren Belinsky of Whole Foods



Lauren Belinsky with Paul Vattiato, James Rota, and Don Mazetti at the JustWorld Block Party hosted by Whole Foods

The partnership between Whole Foods and JustWorld International is a fresh take on communities helping communities. By supporting a charity based in its own neighborhood, Whole Foods is able to reach out to communities around the world.

When Whole Foods opened its doors in Wellington, Florida, in November 2008, a partnership with JustWorld was quickly formed.

"I was first introduced to JustWorld when they filled out a donation request form, as so many charities and non-profits do," explains Lauren Belinsky, Marketing and Community Relations Team Leader, Whole Foods of Wellington. "When a representative came in to meet with me, she told me about the charity, and what a great foundation it has in the Wellington equestrian community to help its project sites around the world. The cause was absolutely amazing. I could never say "no" to something so wonderful!"

For JustWorld's annual gala held in January 2009, Whole Foods donated the centerpieces. The commitment grew the following year, with Whole Foods donating all of the ingredients, expertly prepared by partner chef Chris Paul for the 2010 gala. This year, Whole Foods was once again the generous food sponsor with caterers Chez Gourmet using its ingredients to create a wide variety of sumptuous dishes for the 'A Night in Paris' gala held January 21, 2011, at Wellington's Belle Herbe Farm. Adding a special touch to the Parisian theme, Whole Foods also created an extensive cheese table.

"JustWorld's work really fits perfectly with the core values of Whole Foods, of caring about our community and our environment," says Lauren, who was introduced to Whole Foods while attending Northeastern University in Boston. "The headquarters for JustWorld are just down the street from us. Partnering with JustWorld is a way to be involved with all of the people who live here during season, and it also serves as a reminder that they can find natural and organic food right here in their own backyard."

To help promote the work that JustWorld is doing at its project sites, Whole Foods hosted a neighborhood block party in January. The special evening gave JustWorld Rider Ambassadors an opportunity to interact with customers at food stations featuring cuisine from the countries where JustWorld has project sites including Honduras, Brazil, Cambodia and Guatemala.

"It was so much fun to have the Rider Ambassadors here in our store talking to our customers about the great work that JustWorld does, and what they see firsthand when they travel to the project sties," recalls Lauren. "Our goal was to let people know what JustWorld does, get people out to enjoy some all-natural food and, hopefully, try some new ingredients. Everyone got to walk around the store and interact and learn. It was a fantastic evening."

Whole Foods also supports other JustWorld awareness and fundraising events, including this year's 'Strut! Fashion for a JustWorld' fashion show as well as the Horseless Horse Show where Whole Foods has its own signature mini-jump.

"It is wonderful to support the local community, and to know that the money is going to help our global community as well," says Lauren. "That is what I really love about our partnership - just how much it does both locally and globally."



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Voltaire Design Releases Limited Edition JustWorld Saddle

PARTNERSHIPS oltaire Design has partnered with JustWorld International to release 19 limited edition JustWorld saddles. Each saddle is numbered and recorded on the billet protector, which has been designed in JustWorld signature purple and features the wording "Jump for a Just World." For each saddle sold, Voltaire will donate \$1,000 to JustWorld.

"We wanted to form a partnership with a nonprofit organization that would really capture the attention of horse people and it became obvious, very quickly, that the organization would be JustWorld International," explained Brice Goguet, President and Founder of Voltaire Design, who first got the idea to work with JustWorld from Rider Ambassador Bliss Heers. "I spoke to Jessica, and the whole idea just fell into place. We see our company as more than just a business; we also want to be socially responsible. Our company and JustWorld share a similar vision."

Voltaire Design, which seeks to bring a touch of fashion to the saddle industry, is based in the south of France, while North American headquarters are in Rockland County, New York. In addition to saddles, the company also produces custom riding boots. For more information on Voltaire Design, please visit www.voltaire-design.com.





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JustWorld International acts as a catalyst for positive change in the developing world by working with local partner organizations to provide basic education, nutrition, health, hygiene, and vocational programs for children in impoverished communities in Honduras, Cambodia, Guatemala, and Brazil.

Through JustWorld programs that raise awareness and funds in the international equestrian community, riders and their friends learn about the needs of others across the globe as they give thousands of children a leg up to a brighter future.

Through generous contributions and in-kind donations earmarked for operations, 83% of all funds raised go directly to our programs.

Founded by former international equestrian champion Jessica Newman, JustWorld International is a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization in the United States and a registered Association 1901 in France. Local branches have also been established in Mexico and Honduras. JustWorld International has no political or religious affiliation.