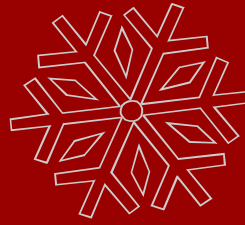


SPRINGBOARD Girls' Schools Newsletter



Girls are very happy and excited about their new shoes



Season's Greetings – The Springboard Team

Dear Donors and Supporters,

Once again, it's the time of the year when we stop to reflect on the past year and look forward to the coming year. This past year has been a challenging one for our Team in maintaining and sustaining the schools but yet there is much to be done.

During this special time of the year, we would like to send you Springboard's and the girls' warmest regards and wishes.

We would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Crocs

Dr. Todd M. Price, Chairman of 'Close Fund for Teaching Nurses' (CFTN) and founder of 'International Medical Outreach' solicited the donation of 20,000 pairs of (genuine) Crocs directly from Crocs Inc. for the Egyptian schools children.

The first shipment of 7,000 pairs arrived in October and the school team started distributing to Springboard and Non-Springboard schools in Giza and Minya. Also, some of the Crocs were distributed to Sudanese refugees in Egypt, and children Orphanages.

The Crocs are very practical for the girls; especially those who help their families in the fields, the Crocs are washable and comfortable.

The girls were really excited, and happy with them specially the small sizes that had fur inside. It keeps their feet warm.



A Great Experience with a Great Company



In 2009, The Egyptian Drilling Company (EDC), which is a joint venture between Maersk group and Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC), learned about the project and wanted to be part of it.

EDC decided to contribute and adopt a school in Minya, since most of their employees are from there. Jytte Byrialsen wife of Jens Byrialsen EDC's CEO in Egypt went and visited a school picked by the school team and since that day EDC was very enthusiastic regarding their support of the school.

As soon as Jens Byrialsen visited the school EDC planned and started a complete renovation project to their school.

Not only the work included maintenance for the school building, but also they added a fence and a garden to the school. They also donated two desktops and some other furniture units for the school.



One of the school girls' very excited about having a new donor and supporter

EDC finished maintaining the school by painting it internally and externally, fixing all the plumbing and electric problems, polishing all the wooden items, and installing a steel main door to add more security to the school.

Apache has supported the project by visiting with EDCs' crew throughout the project. Apache also joined efforts of negotiating Local Units and Governmental Authorities to get more land for the fence and garden.

The fence is under construction now and will be finished by the end of 2009.

EDC is an excellent donor, their support to the school is outstanding, and Apache will always be committed to help and guide any similar support to Springboards' project.



*"EDC painting the school and constructing a fence
"The School is as good as new"*



"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."



Dear Donor and Supporter,

Your initial support and contribution to build a school has made an impact on Egypt! The young girls of Egypt attending these schools now have an opportunity for education - the opportunity to read and write, the ability to add numbers when purchasing basic supplies, things that most of us take for granted, but was impossible and only a dream for these girls until your school was built in their community. The girls, their parents and the community that houses the schools say THANKS!

Building the schools within budget and on time was a challenge, but now we face a greater challenge – sustainability of the schools. We have adopted the Apache culture and philosophy and these schools are “built to last”. The school needs building maintenance, educational supplies, achievement awards, fences, water wells, educational trips, minor medical needs (hearing aids, glasses, etc.).

Our maintenance works for our schools was directly affected by the lack of needed funds. Our Maintenance plan was minimized, the number of schools we were planning to maintain was decreased, and some of work items were canceled. This was done to give priority to those schools most in need, schools with major problems like flooring issues, septic system blockages, issue with walls and electric repairs. Those schools were in critical need for maintenance, and they look brand new after the maintenance work was completed. The year 2010 is holding quite a long list of schools in need for repairs, and yet still our funds are tight. Funding the maintenance of these schools helps provide a better atmosphere for the girls to learn - a better school for them to enjoy and enhancing their leaning environment.

Your contribution, no matter how large or small, can and does make a difference in the lives of these young girls!

Tax deductible contributions can be made to Springboard

You can send a check to
 Springboard – Educating the Future
 2000, Post Oak Blvd, Suite 100
 Houston, Texas 77056. USA.

Or can wire funds to

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Bank Address:	JPMorgan Chase Bank Manhattan 1 Chase Plaza New York, New York 10005
SWIFT:	CHASUS33
ABA:	021000021
Account name:	Springboard – Educating the Future
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The underprivileged girls of Egypt thank you for your support and for enabling their dreams to become reality.

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"Thank You"

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