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OCT 2011 | Welcome to People to People International's monthly e-newsletter. Explore each section to learn about inspiring initiatives by our global membership and ways you can advance understanding and friendship in your community and abroad.

One Grand Effort



A truly grand effort was put forth in support of PTPI's One Grand Day project. PTPI's Ipswich, Massachusetts and Boulder, Colorado (BoOST/PTPI) Student Chapters used this project to guide their efforts to raise funds for famine relief in East Africa. Through a 24-hour fast and fundraising campaign, 10 members in Ipswich experienced what hunger is like and educated others about the many people suffering and dying from hunger in East Africa. Together they raised more than \$400. In Boulder, most of the chapter members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLOBAL BOOK CLUB

Get started on the right foot! [Register today](#) to join the 350+ people who are discussing *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall. The [PTPI Blog](#) features discussion questions and commentary from PTPI staff and fellow readers. Stay tuned for the announcement of our next book on January 1.



SCHOOL & CLASSROOM PROGRAM

[Calling all teachers!](#) [Bring the world to your classroom](#) and join the 600+ teachers from around the globe already participating. This free program connects educators in 123 countries for pen pal exchanges and projects that foster cultural understanding and friendship. Registrations will be accepted through the end of October.

GLOBAL YOUTH MURALS ON TOUR

[Fifteen Global Youth Murals are on display](#) at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport and more are scheduled to be displayed at Images Art Gallery in the Greater Kansas City area this upcoming December and January. If you would like to host the murals in your community, please contact Paige Badgett, Director, School & Classroom Program, at classroom@ptpi.org.

fasted, ultimately raising awareness and funds totalling \$1,355. They learned how much hunger interfered with their ability to concentrate, which led to in-depth discussions about malnourished children worldwide who struggle to learn in school. Their support will continue with a community food drive and ongoing support for the disadvantaged.

We applaud these dedicated members for giving a grand effort to PTPI's One Grand Day.

[Learn more about these grand efforts on PTPI's Blog.](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

[Congratulations to our friend Cherie Nichols, secretary of PTPI's Washington, DC \(National Capital Area\) Chapter, who was recently recognized for her spirit of volunteerism with the Community Service Award from the University of Phoenix.](#)

A WARM WELCOME TO PTPI'S NEWEST MEMBER

[Congratulations and best wishes to PTPI staff member Brent Jensen and his wife, Chelsey, as they welcome baby Elise Joy, born October 25.](#)

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 FORWARD TO A FRIEND

Calendar of Events

View upcoming events and chapter activities in the [Calendar on the PTPI website.](#)

Global Perspective

Click below to learn more about recent chapter initiatives and events by region.

Americas

PTPI's Chicago, Illinois Chapter welcomes President and CEO Mary Jean Eisenhower for the launch of their first international project. [READ MORE »](#)

Asia Pacific

Highlights of the PTPI's 2011 Asia Pacific Conference include the re-election of Ruriko Nakajima as Regional Chair. [READ MORE »](#)

Europe

What is a Cultural Treasure Hunt? Just ask PTPI's Tallinn, Estonia Chapter. [READ MORE](#)

Middle East/Africa

PTPI's Durban, South Africa (Hillcrest High School) Student Chapter enhances *Peace through Understanding* through a variety of projects. [READ MORE »](#)

Global Landmine Initiative

Team HALO ~ 26.2 on 10.30

October 30 is the date we've been waiting for, when Team HALO runs in the Marine Corps Marathon for landmine awareness and eradication efforts. PTPI staffers Karen Hoch and Sarah Houston have been fundraising at home and abroad to help ensure vulnerable populations are not forgotten. Most recently, our marathon runners hosted an Awareness Happy Hour at the Garment District in Kansas City's Power & Light District. Guests enjoyed music, hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and the knowledge that they were helping others thousands of miles away. We wish Karen, Sarah, and everyone with Team HALO a safe and fun marathon.



PTPI continues its longstanding support of The HALO Trust as they work toward "Getting Mines Out of the Ground. Now." Make a positive difference. [Donate to PTPI's Global Landmine Initiative Fund today!](#)

Operation International Children (OIC)

Changing Lives One School Kit at a Time

Proving that one can make a difference at any age, young Abby launched her own fundraiser by hosting a lemonade stand and donating all of the proceeds to OIC. With hard work and delicious lemonade, Abby collected \$60 for children in war-torn countries in just one day. Imagine what she could accomplish in one week! Many thanks go to our friend for sharing such compassion and support.



Dedicated volunteers have helped to ensure the success of OIC over the years and a recent visit by a group from Leon, Kansas was no exception. In just two hours, this dynamic team built 480 school kits and left the warehouse cleaner than when they arrived. We applaud their efforts and invite you to [learn more about the My Little Battle Buddy effort](#).

[OIC is on Facebook!](#) Be sure to "Like" us to keep up-to-date on volunteer activities, collection drives and distributions.

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