



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WINGS OF HOPE CHILDREN'S CHARITY - NOVEMBER 2013

# WINGS NEWS

## WINNER'S TRIP TO INDIA — TEAM UNITY FROM HASMONEAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

The overall winners of this year's Wings of Hope Achievement Awards (WOHAA) have just returned from their life changing trip to India.

Team Unity, from Hasmonean were the overall winners of WOHAA 2012-13.



Team Unity from Hasmonean School for Girls

As every winning group has before them they embarked on a once in a lifetime trip to Chennai in Southern India, to teach at the Wings of Hope school, to get to know the local area and immerse themselves fully in Indian culture and traditions.

The girls' main fundraising effort was to complete the treacherous 10 mile trek up Edale Mountain in the Peak District. Helped by plenty of innovative publicity efforts they were able to raise a substantial amount for the Wings of Hope. They were also able to impress the panel of judges at the Semi finals with their hard work, creativity and forward thinking and secure the first prize for WOHAA 2012-13.

While at the school the girls taught French, music, English, sports to a variety of age groups as well as nursery rhymes to younger students. As well as these lessons they also spoke to the students about life in London; British culture, tourist attractions, the monarchy etc. As well as giving the students insight into their Jewish heritage, which is fairly foreign to most young people in India. The girls were even treated to a special assembly put on by the students, with dancing and gymnastic displays.



The girls teaching at the School

After three days at the school they flew to Pune to visit Wings of Hope corporate partner Cipla, who had arranged travel across the vast distance so they could see the companies' pharmaceutical factory, their palliative care centre and places of cultural relevance such as the site where Gandhi's ashes are buried and local markets.

Speaking of the trip the girls said: 'We will remember this experience for the rest of our lives. You gave us the opportunity to learn firsthand about another culture and country.'

Dear Colleagues & Students,

We ended the WOHAA 2012-13 year with a truly special trip with the fabulous girls of Team Unity to India. The girls had a wonderful time and created memories that will stay with them for a lifetime!

We are very proud to see that WOHAA I, the brainchild of a past WOHAA participant is going from strength to strength, with the team raising plenty of funds over summer and beyond to fund the project. Proof of the lasting effect WOHAA can have on its participants to make positive change in the world.

The prospects for WOHAA 2013-14 are looking fantastic, the flow of teams signing up to take part is greater than it ever has been and we have already met some very intelligent and inspirational teams, who will no doubt be coming up with some groundbreaking ways to fundraise over the next few months. We're very excited to see what they come up with!

We have some great industry workshops in the pipeline, as well as our famous speed mentoring event, which will be taking place at the Royal College of Surgeons in March, not to mention trips to both Oxford and Cambridge universities. It's a good year to be involved in WOHAA!

We wish the best of luck to all participants and look forward to seeing all the brilliant work you produce over the next few months.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rajni Sriram, CEO & Co-founder

## THE WINGS OF HOPE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2013-14



WOHAA 2013-14 has begun! Hundreds of students have already signed up and started coming up with new and innovative ways to raise money for the Wings of Hope.

Participating in WOHAA will help to develop and enhance students outside the boundaries of the school curriculum in key areas such as time management, leadership, entrepreneurship and creativity.

Along the way WOHAA offers the chance to attend skills workshops with corporate partners that give an insight into different industries. Such events are a really great way to help young people thinking about potential careers. WOHAA works with some of the UK's top companies.

## TIMETABLE

30th Nov – Entry deadline

Nov - Mar – Fundraising / Visits to Cambridge and Oxford Universities / Speed mentoring session / Industry skills workshops.

31st Mar – Deadline for submission of snapshot projects.

Apr – Semi finals at the House of Lords

June – Annual awards ceremony at the Royal College of Surgeons.

## TCS TAKE PART IN THE GREAT BRITISH 10K LONDON RUN FOR WINGS OF HOPE



On the 14th July 2013 Anshu and Anurag from Wings of Hope partner TCS took part in the Great British 10k London run. The team managed to raise their target for the charity and it was a great day for all involved and we can't wait for next year!

## WOHAA KICKSTARTER WEEK



From the 28th of October to the 1st of November the Wings of Hope opened up its offices to WOHAA students for a half term project Kickstarter week – an opportunity for students to meet with Wings of Hope mentors and discuss their ideas, get advice and practice working together as a team, a vital skill to get ahead in the WOHAA competition.



Wings of Hope,  
12 Iron Bridge Close,  
Great Central Way, London  
NW10 0UF