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Dear Sir or Madam,

Change 4 Change is a student club committed to making a difference for people around the world living in extreme poverty. Over the last two years, J. H. Putnam students have raised funds for two wells in Kenya and \$5,000 worth of mosquito nets to protect children in Liberia and Rwanda from malaria. Though we are a small middle school (grades 6 to 8), we are constantly amazed by how much our school's students accomplish when they work together with the support of our community.

This year Change 4 Change has decided to raise \$11,000 to renovate a health clinic, dig a well, and provide opportunities for marginalized children to get back into school in rural Western Kenya. We are also supporting a micro-finance project in Cambodia. Our partner in the field is Students for **International Development (SID)**, a completely volunteer-run organization that supports community-based development projects in the North Maragoli region of Kenya.

To raise \$11,000, Change 4 Change has developed its own fundraiser entitled **Fit 4 Change**. Fit 4 Change will organize a student **walk to Kenya** via pedometers (April to June 16), a **carnival/silent auction** (June 16), as well as sales of smoothies, baked goods, and tea.

We are looking for Businesses and Corporations to sponsor our walk to Kenya. We are also looking for donated items for our silent auction and pedometers for our walk to Kenya.

Also, to inspire more people to get involved in social justice issues, we are making a **documentary entitled Beyond Guilt**. To complete this documentary, we need to upgrade our camera and sound equipment. We are therefore looking for sponsorship in this area as well.

In appreciation for your sponsorship we will include your logo on our website -an interactive map that traces our progress as we walk to Kenya. We will also mention you in both our end of the year event (Carnival/Silent Auction), and in our documentary, *Beyond Guilt*.

Only together can we make a difference. If you have any questions as to how you can become involved contact us at Roland.kuehn@ocdsb.ca or cell: 819-661-1277. Thank you for considering our great cause.

Sincerely,

Sima Hakimi, Samantha Alkadri, Rami Farhat, Casey Cogan *Student leaders*
Roland Kuehn *Teacher Advisor*

Silent Auction Invitation:

Come one! Come all! J.H. Putman students (Change 4 Change) are hosting a **carnival/silent auction/concert** to raise money in support of a community development project in rural Kenya.

Try your luck at the “**tippy ladder**”, the “ring toss,” or better yet **soak your favourite teacher at the “Balloon Splash”**. Pig out on carnival goodies while you check out the Silent Auction, bake sale, live performance by **Joel Kuehn and his band**, and riveting presentations by guest speakers such as **Ray Zahab**. And while your’e enjoying this most exciting event, let Putman students wash your car for you in the school parking lot.

Working with Students For International Development at University of Toronto, Change 4 Change is able to use 100% of all money raised to build a health clinic, a well, and also provide education for 100 elementary student. Check us out at BeyondGuilt.ca to learn more. Bring your family and friends and don’t miss the fun!

Date: June 16

Time: 4:30-9:00 p.m.

Admission: 10\$/family, 5\$/adult , 3\$/student (children under 6 are free).