



WALTER GRETZKY COMES TO RICHMOND HILL

On **April 20th, 2010** SCW Canada's Youth Executive Committee under the leadership of Dylan Marando, organized its first ever **Speaker Night** at the beautiful Richmond Hill Centre For The Performing Arts. The event featured a catered VIP reception for our sponsors, a silent auction of gifts and sports memorabilia; remarks from SCW Directors and Bill Hogarth, former Director of Education, York Region Board of Education who introduced the **Keynote Speaker, Walter Gretzky**. Almost 300 attendees were present, including many long-time and first-time supporters of SCW Canada to hear Mr. Gretzky's inspiring address about raising his family including of course, the famous #99, Wayne. It was a fun night with Mr. Gretzky patiently signing autographs, having his picture taken with young people and proudly showing off his Olympic Torch. The event received widespread media coverage from The Richmond Hill Liberal, The Vaughan Citizen, SNAP Magazine, and Rogers Television all of which raised awareness of the cause of SCW Canada. M.P.P. Reza Moridi was in attendance along with representatives from service clubs, hockey associations, secondary schools and local businesses. Reinforced with generous donations from the community, the event raised over \$11,000—exceeding all expectations. At the end of the evening, Mr. Gretzky generously donated his speaking fee back to the organization. **Dylan** would like to thank the following volunteers for their hard work in making the evening a terrific success: **Carolina Begg, Liliana Begg, Danielle MacDonald, Ruth Q. Pranga, Francis Qoufionez, Nabil Malik and of course Paulson Lan**. We would also like to thank **Michael Grit** and his staff at the Richmond Hill Centre For The Performing Arts for their assistance.



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2nd Annual Golf Tournament Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010 Nobleton Lakes Golf Club

Last year's inaugural event raised \$55,000 which will go to support several school building programs in Honduras and also possibly reach other less fortunate parts of the world. With your assistance, this year's goal is to raise over \$60,000. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, or to download the registration package, please go to the website at www.scwcanada.org or contact **Robert Antonel** at 2ndgen@bellnet.ca

**DON'T WAIT TOO LONG AND MISS OUT ON A TERRIFIC DAY.
LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WAS A SELL OUT!**

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Trip To Haiti

From April 16—23, 2010 a team from SCW consisting of **Bill DeJong, Chuck Newman, Doug Allen, Jay Patel, Paul Johnston, Alejandra Madrid and Dave Snelgrove** made a trip to Haiti. Dave Snelgrove writes: “Both in Port-au-Prince and Laogone we saw significant building damage and collapse, large piles of rubble in the streets awaiting the UN removal forces and burning piles of waste. In the cities the situation is busy, chaotic but under control. I would estimate that in Port-au-Prince there would be 80% destruction and in Laogone, closer to 90%. Laogone was the epi-centre of the quake. Over the first two days in Laogone, the team divided into two groups and set out to locate, identify and evaluate school buildings. There are approximately 300 schools within a 10km radius of downtown Laogone, mostly all private schools varying in size from 1-2 classrooms to larger high schools with 15-20 classrooms. Most were partially or totally destroyed. The team trained themselves on the use of evaluation forms, established a protocol for the collection of data at each site and debriefed every afternoon. A team made up of Jay Patel, Paul Johnston and Dave Snelgrove completed 57 assessments by April 22. We also travelled to Carfour, a town closer to the capital, to do a structural assessment for College Basile Moreau. The campus consisted of a secondary school, primary school and a residence/kindergarten building. The three storey secondary school was completely destroyed, the three storey elementary school was damaged but repairable and the kindergarten/residence was useable. For the remainder of the time, we met with the mayor of Laogone to discuss his long range plans and attended an Educational Cluster Meeting at the UN compound. We also trained two members of the Haitian community in the use of the evaluation forms and site protocol so that they could continue the work after we departed on April 23rd.” Below are two of the photos taken by Bill DeJong during the trip.



The Youth Executive Committee

Dylan Marando has been busy visiting several local schools with hopes of raising awareness for the needs of schools in Honduras and Haiti with great success. So far, the following schools have participated in fundraising.

Julliard School raised over \$4,000; Brescia University raised \$840; St. Theresa Catholic High School raised \$592 and Wells Street P.S. raised \$677. **Well Done!**

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering in any capacity for SCW.Canada, or would like to make a contribution to our endeavours, please check out our website at: www.scwcanada.org

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