

One Child's Village Story (Nathan's point of view)

Back at the beginning of grade eight, the students at Grandview Heights were told that an additional course would be added to the subjects: Ethics. This course is a little different than options that are usually offered at other schools – it involves studying ethical dilemmas and the morals/values involved, as well as different religions and religious figures (e.g. Gandhi). As part of a year-long project for the ethics course, we had to come up with a project that involved some sort of volunteerism to benefit ourselves or the community – we could work alone, or in groups of up to four. My friend Nolan and I formed a group together, and our original idea was to create a brochure about our school for new students to read. The brochure was my idea – Nolan wanted to do something based on physical activity, but we couldn't really come up with anything following that idea, and used mine.

And then, one day our teacher, Mrs. Long, told us about One Child's Village.

We were given the choice of switching our project idea to change it to a charitable event that benefitted One Child's Village. Nolan and I, at this point, weren't very convinced that our brochure idea was going to work, so we thought of a new project. We decided to do an event for charity that would benefit One Child's Village, and since we both like tennis, we thought about doing something related to tennis. I thought of other widespread charities and what they did to get money for charities, and the answer was easy: use length. A **marathon** tennis match was what we came up with – after all, people weren't going to be as impressed if we just played a regular match to try and earn money for charity. However, playing for six hours sounded much more impressive, and it did the trick for us!

We reserved a court from the Westridge Wolf Willow community league (thank you so much! You guys are awesome!), and picked a date for the marathon tennis match – although we encountered some scheduling conflicts (we had to move the date twice, once from July 2nd to August 15th, and then again from the 15th to the 16th), the match eventually went off without a hitch. And we collected over \$700 in donations in the process!

Thank you very much to everyone who donated, as well as Mrs. Long for telling us about One Child's Village in our ethics curriculum. Also, thanks go to the Westridge Wolf Willow club for the use of one of their courts, and, of course, One Child's Village for existing for such a great cause!

- Nathan "Mr. HapiFaze"

Our Ethics Story (Nolan's point of view)

We actually got the idea from our ethics teacher and we decided to support One Child's Village. It was our first time doing this so we had some trouble starting. The idea was to do something we value. Both my friend and I love to play tennis so we decided to get donations by doing that. We realize how tough it is for children with HIV, harsh conditions, and barely any medical help so we decided to create a harsh condition for ourselves, playing 6 straight hours of tennis from early morning to afternoon. Although this is not nearly as difficult as getting a disease like AIDS, we wanted to show that we cared and understood. We wanted to put 2 things we valued to one good cause. We worked to collect over \$700 for the kids. It was a grueling and tiring match of 8 sets and we were getting tired halfway through. But we made it and we felt proud and strong as will the kids from One Child Village.

-Nolan

The final score of the tennis match was 7-1 in sets for Nolan. The scores of the sets (in games) were:

Nolan-Nathan

6-2, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5 tiebreaker score), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, 2-6