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We have an urgent need for people who can help us with some data entry and event management.

If you have some experience and can commit to 1-2 days a week, we would love to hear from you.

If you have other skills that you could contribute to the team, we would love to hear from you.

Email our Office Manager, at [jessica@togetherforhumanity.org.au](mailto:jessica@togetherforhumanity.org.au)



### Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the latest update from Together for Humanity. In this issue we discuss our Fundraising Gala Dinner for 2011, an amazing testimonial we received from a Queensland Police Officer, the City2Surf 2011 and give you an update on our schools program in NSW.

### Amazing Testimonial from a Queensland Police Officer

A once sleepy, Anglo-Saxon town in the Brisbane area experienced a surge in ethnic groups, and with it, violence between the local community and the new arrivals. Eggings, assaults, rock throwing were all once common occurrences... until Together for Humanity ran a workshop for the students. The results were amazing!

Constable Flematti said:

"There have been no further assaults, threats, eggings or anything like that from this community since, and that is all from engaging the young people, challenging and changing what their views were... I really can't speak highly enough of what the Together for Humanity group brought to my area.... The school alone would have been vandalized every weekend costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, and now...nothing! The work that has been done in just two days- I can't give enough applause to it...."

To watch Constable Flematti's testimonial visit our You Tube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/user/togetherforhumanity1?feature=mhee>

As a result of the collaboration, QLD Police is taking part in Together for Humanity activities and joining the leadership camp "Kids Leading Social Change" – Wisdom in the Wrinkles. A great result!

### NSW Schools Program Highlights

This year, three schools from different religious backgrounds are coming together to build relationships, foster understanding, and to work towards a common goal by planting trees together at the Georges River. Can you believe the excitement when football hero Hazem El Masri made a surprise visit to one of these team days!

Together for Humanity will once again be presenting leadership workshops for the School Ambassadors Leadership Days run by NSW Department of Education and Training South Western Sydney Region. For 5 days in June, we will be running workshops with representatives of hundreds of schools, hoping to encourage a sense of responsibility for their school and greater community.



### Online Resource: Logo and Name to come!

The team is hard at work creating the "world's best practice" online teacher and student resource that aims to improve the ways in which schools educate young Australians about diversity and difference. The resource uses blended learning, comprising e-learning and face-to-face components for students and teachers. This is a very exciting project that we are thrilled to be creating. Watch this space for the new logo and name.

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## MOVE Together for Humanity

City2Surf: MOVE Together for Humanity at the City2Surf 2011 fun run. You can join our team, or donate and keep us MOVING! We would love you to run/walk/cry/laugh and sweat with us on the 14th August! To join our team, register here:

<http://www.fundraise.City2Surf.com.au/movetogether>

### Q. What is "MOVE together for humanity"?

A. Every year diverse people who are doing the CITY2SURF team up to raise awareness and funds for The Together for Humanity Foundation. The basic idea is to join our team of diverse religious and cultural team members and prove it's easy and fun to have friends of difference. Seeing as we ask and challenge school children to all get along and make a difference. This is a way for us "adults" to demonstrate we're also willing and able to challenge ourselves, make new friends of different faiths/backgrounds and help out.

### Q. ohhhh the CITY2SURF!!!??...I would love to join but I'm not fit and I'm not Christian, Muslim or Jewish!

A. Relax... the City2Surf is a FUN run/walk. Some people do it seriously, some people do it just for fun... some people walk it to see if they can finish. Some people do it in a wheelchair, some people push babies in prams, some people dress up in costumes etc. You don't have to be Christian, Muslim or Jewish, we welcome all to join our team.

### Q. Can kids join the team?

A. Sure. As long as they are supervised by a parent or guardian.  
NOTE: Kids will NOT be supervised by anyone from our team or TFH. Therefore the usual safety precautions for dealing with BIG crowds should be taken if you bring children.

### Q. Where does "Move Together For Humanity" Team start?

A. Different members start in different groups. However the majority of our team members meet up at the fountain near the start line before the race at the "BACK OF THE PACK" Once you join our team, you will receive emails confirming this and other stuff.

### Q. I joined the team!...how do I raise money for our team?

A. It's pretty easy. You can simply tell all your family, friends and colleagues about our team. Tell them about all the good work TFH does, send them to the TFH website and if they like what TFH does encourage them to donate money so TFH can help more schools. Be honest with them and give them your personal reasons why "you" think TFH is doing good work. PLEASE REMEMBER... our team is all about creating awareness and BUZZ for TFH. Not just hassling people for money.

### Q. I can't do this years CITY2SURF :(... can I still help the team?

A. Sure thing. Tell anyone you meet who IS doing the City2Surf this year to consider joining our team. Our only requirement is that they love diversity and brave enough to risk being beaten by Zalman.

Get creative.... set a challenge to a few friends who are passionately different. Tell them you will donate if they join our team together?

### Q. I don't understand something!?...Whom can I ask?

A. You can contact any of the people below  
Felicity - [felicity@togetherforhumanity.org.au](mailto:felicity@togetherforhumanity.org.au)  
Phil - [phil@farishde.com](mailto:phil@farishde.com) OR 0415 406 914

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## Fundraising Gala Dinner, 4th May 2011

### *“When in Rome, should you do as the Romans do....?”*

One of our biggest challenges in the planning of the Fundraising Gala Dinner was whether to include alcohol at the event. It is tricky territory to navigate where some guests would feel compromised if alcohol was served in the same room, and other guests would expect that at a post-work function in modern Sydney they would have a glass of wine.

We found ourselves in this predicament in planning for the diverse group of guests we were to host at our Fundraising Gala Dinner. In the end, we decided to serve alcohol, but on the outside balcony, this way those Muslim guests who might feel religiously compromised by sitting down with people who are drinking were able to participate.

The feedback we have received on this issue has been mixed, but mostly positive- I suppose a fair result, given the diverse group in the room.

But what an amazing feat it was, to have such a diverse group of people in the room at one time- proving on a micro level, that diversity can work, given enough tolerance and respect for “the other.”

The idea that “when in Rome just do as the Romans do” was rejected by our keynote speaker, Mr. Wal King AO as he spoke of his experiences leading an international company operating in 22 countries. He explained the need to combine respect for local customs with keeping to one’s own standards.

Janet Holmes a Court gave a very moving a personal perspective with the challenges of dealing with diversity. Jana Wendt was an impeccable host, and over the course of the evening she described how her work, and seeing the high degree of animosity between race and religion as an international journalist lead her to join Together for Humanity as a supporter and Board Member. Sheikh Ahmad Abu Ghazaleh gave a memorable musical performance from and a Yr. 11 student Punchbowl Boys’ High gave an account from the coalface.

Check out the photo story here:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/media/set/?set=a.10150185164767038.303772.33390177037>

We look forward to bringing you the next installment – until then, take care, and please remember to join our facebook page for the best way of quickly accessing our activities!

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