



Staples Canada Donates \$10,000 to Fund School in Ecuador

Teacher Appreciation Contest winners to help build school

TORONTO, April 13, 2015 – Staples Canada is making a commitment to education in Ecuador by donating \$10,000 to help fund a school through international charity and partner, [Free The Children](#). Staples is also sending five teachers, selected as winners in the Staples Me to We Teacher Appreciation Contest, to Ecuador where they will help build the Staples-funded school.

“At Staples, we understand the value of education in communities across Canada and around the world,” said Pete Gibel, senior vice president of merchandising at Staples Canada. “There is a large need for new and safe school structures in Ecuador, and we’re humbled to help make education more accessible.”

The Staples Me to We Teacher Appreciation Contest ran from September 27, 2014 – November 27, 2014 and sought to celebrate teachers who created positive social change in their school or community. The winners are:

- Anick Champagne-Hickey, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
- Marg Graff, Almont, ON
- Michael Fuchigami, Ottawa, ON
- Michel Bouthot, Saint Lambert, QC
- Anne-Marie Robinson-Sisk, Ottawa, ON

Winners will depart for Ecuador on August 1 on a nine-day Me to We Volunteer Trip.

Participants will work alongside local community members to build a Staples-funded school.

Staples Canada and [Me to We](#) launched their partnership in 2014 by offering an assortment of exclusive products and school supplies that make life-changing impacts in communities overseas—from providing access to education to clean water.

All products come with a unique eight-digit code so customers can track exactly where and how their purchase has contributed toward a life-changing gift. Customers can visit trackyourimpact.com to learn more about the impact of their particular purchase.

To date, the Me to We collection at Staples has helped provide:

- 35,932 healthy meals to children
- 16,290 tree plantings
- 15,187 people with access to clean water
- 6,524 people with access to health care
- 33,082 children the school supplies they need

For more information about the Me to We collection at Staples Canada, visit staples.ca/metowe or www.metowe.com.

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Staples makes it easy to make more happen with more products and more ways to shop. Through its world-class retail, online and delivery capabilities, Staples lets customers shop however and whenever they want, whether it's in-store, online or on mobile devices. Staples offers more products than ever, such as technology, facilities and breakroom supplies, furniture, safety supplies, medical supplies, and Copy & Print services. Headquartered outside of Boston in the United States with offices in Toronto, Canada, Staples operates throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. More information about Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) is available at www.staples.com and www.staples.ca.

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