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Kids raise \$1,100 to help Haiti

QMI AGENCY— They may be only kids but students at a Toronto private school rallied, each chipping in a few dollars, to help hundreds of other children in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

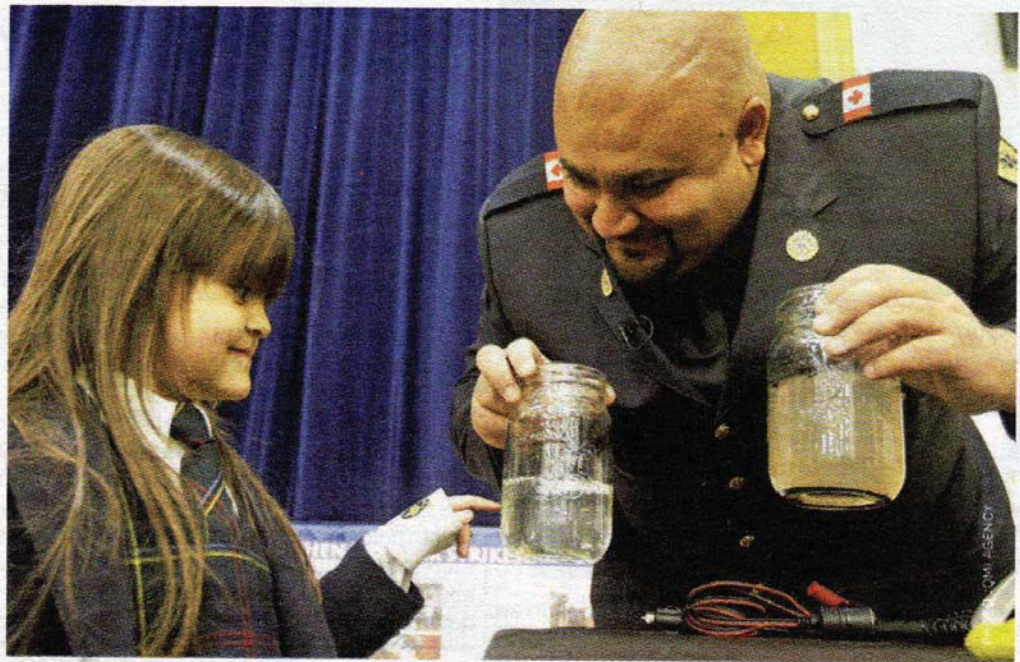
The day after the impoverished island nation was rocked by a devastating quake six weeks ago, the 280 students at Fieldstone Day School, 2999 Dufferin St., decided to do their part.

Together, they raised \$1,100 through their Kids Helping Kids charity drive for Haiti.

Students were asked to chip in a loonie or toonie for “grub day,” which enables kids to leave their school uniform at home, Sue Johnson, assistant head of the lower class at the Kindergarten to Grade 12 school, said Tuesday.

The very next day the kids brought in more than \$1,000 to support the relief efforts of GlobalMedic, a group of paramedics, police officers, firefighters and others who donate their skills wherever and whenever such disasters strike.

“Many of them brought in \$5 or \$10, some emptying their piggy banks to do so and others asking their parents to allow



Rahul Singh, Director of GlobalMedic, teaches Alix Buck, 5, about the water purification done in Haiti at Fieldstone Day School. Fieldstone students created a fundraising campaign that raised over \$1100 to purchase a water purification unit to donate to our Haitian relief efforts

them to forgo birthday presents to help in Haiti,” Johnson said.

Rahul Singh, GlobalMedic’s executive director, stopped by the school Tuesday to thank the students and show them how their donations are saving lives.

“These kids came together and raised some money and

now, thanks to them, there are 314 kids at an orphanage who have clean water to drink,” Singh said.

Singh was in Haiti immediately after the earthquake struck and headed back there Wednesday after visiting the school.

GlobalMedic’s rapid re-

sponse teams flew to the Dominican Republic after the quake and then trucked 10 tonnes of equipment into devastated Haiti.

“It’s really amazing that everybody gave a little and we were able to make such a big difference in so many lives,” said Tyler Farrell, 13.