

Marc Kielburger

Co-Founder, Ambassador for Free The Children (Volunteer)

Marc Kielburger is the co-founder of and a passionate full-time volunteer for Free The Children, an international charity and renowned educational partner that empowers youth to achieve their fullest potential as agents of change.

As the world's largest network of children helping children through education, the organization has worked in 45 countries and built more than 650 schools and school rooms in developing regions, providing education to more than 55,000 children every day. Free The Children delivers innovative programming that educates, engages and empowers hundreds of thousands of youth in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Free The Children has a proven track record of success, having formed successful partnerships with top school boards and leading corporations—among the most notable, a joint project with Oprah's Angel Network called O Ambassadors. The program educated, engaged and inspired more than one million young people across North America to help their underprivileged peers overseas.

Marc is also the co-founder and co-CEO of Me to We. An innovative social enterprise, Me to We provides people with better choices for a better world, including socially conscious and environmentally friendly clothes and accessories, as well as life-changing international volunteer trips, leadership training programs and materials, an inspirational speakers bureau, and books which address issues of positive social change. In addition, half of Me to We's net profit is donated to Free The Children, while the other half is reinvested to grow the enterprise and its social mission.

Marc graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University, completing a degree in international relations. He won a coveted Rhodes Scholarship and went on to complete a law degree at Oxford University. Marc has also received six honorary doctorate degrees for his work in the field of education and human rights.

Marc is a syndicated columnist carried by the *Toronto Star*, *Vancouver Sun*, *Huffington Post*, *Halifax Chronicle Herald*, *Edmonton Journal* and *Victoria Times Colonist*. He is also a *New York Times* bestselling author who has written five books, including *Me to We: Finding Meaning in a Material World*.

Marc is the recipient of many honours, including the Order of Canada and selection by the World Economic Forum as one of 250 Young Global Leaders. His work has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, BBC, as well as many other news and print media.