



Brussels Heraldic Lions Club 2009 Newsletter

For the Lions Club, Brussels Heraldic, 2008-09 was not just the year of the global financial crisis, it was also a year of local crises, where limited means met up with increasing need. As companies and social organisations cut back on their charitable support, more pressure was put on the Lions to try to fill the gap. Celebrating our 25th anniversary this year, Lions Heraldic worked harder than ever to raise money in this difficult environment with an eye on doing more with less to serve the local community.

Splash 2009 – Full of surprises!

Last March we raised close to €30,000 at Splash. With wonderful generosity at the last moment, we received much more than expected. We also did not expect to have a seriously good djemba band provide rhythms for much of the afternoon. **Nos Pilifs** allows functionally challenged individuals in Brussels to contribute to society. Splash funds made infrastructure improvements at their Welcome Centre. **FACE** is a Belgian/Egyptian organisation that builds and runs orphanages and homes for street children in Cairo. Our funds helped transform a new orphanage for 2-6 year olds



Centre Arnaud Fraiteur, Les Compagnons Dépanneurs, Escalpade, Les Grands Prématurés, the Samaritans, Restos du Cœur and CAP 48...

... and helping groups abroad

We have provided a second year of support for seven students to continue to attend **Ahazaza School** in Rwanda. We also provided the funds for a medical clinic at **Banunule School** in Uganda.

25 Years and Grateful for your Support

Lions Heraldic has done a lot of big things over its 25 years of existence. We could not continue to do all of this without your support. We are grateful for all of the help individuals, schools and organisations provide us. We would especially like to thank our friends in **Ingersoll-Rand** – the young managers in the Give project – who have helped us in many of our activities. If your organisation would like to get involved with us or you have a special project, Heraldic would love to work with you.



FACE

for children in need

Join us for SPLASH 2010

Neder-over-Hembeek – 21 March 2010

See www.lionsheraldic.net/Splash.htm

Splash 2010 is fast approaching. On 21 March 2010, we will be swimming for three organisations that all provide support for adults and children with disabilities. **HAIM** is a residential centre near Namur for adults with physical or mental handicaps. **NF Kontakt** aids children with neurofibromatosis to integrate into society. **Woudlucht** near Leuven helps children with special needs to learn in a more appropriate manner

Helping groups at home ...

Heraldic is continuing to support local organisations like **Community Help Service**,

All ideas are welcome

We are always looking for projects we can support through funds or activities. Please contact us if you have any needs or good ideas.

A German-speaking Lions Club is launched

Brussels Heraldic is proud to have god-fathered a German-speaking club, **Brüssel Charlemagne**, receiving its charter in June 2009. While we miss our friends, we are pleased to be able to work with them to spread Lionism further in Brussels.

Have you ever thought of becoming a Lion?

With Heraldic dividing into two clubs, we find ourselves with some extra seats around the table. Why don't you join us? To be a Lion means to be part of a team that enjoys working together to serve the community. This year Heraldic members teamed up to organise a swimathon, paint a school, run a marathon, visit a senior's home and run a stand at a Christmas market. If you would like to participate, come to one of our dinners and see how you could help make a difference.

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