

Dear Race Participant,

Thank you for registering for the 5th Annual Aggieman Triathlon Adventure, being held Saturday, June 19, 2010. This year's race proceeds will be split between [Wide Horizons For Children](#) and Second Christian Congregational United Church of Christ in Kittery (provider of the generous post race BBQ and baked goods).

New this year, we are expanding the charitable reach of this triathlon adventure to support aid programs in Ethiopia, where the needs of children and families are staggering:

- Ethiopia is listed in the top 10 countries for the worst human development index worldwide
- 5 million, or 16% of all children in Ethiopia are orphans
- 1 in every 13 children dies before his/her first birthday
- More than 1/3 of children under age 5 are malnourished
- In rural areas, fewer than 1 in 3 families has access to a clean water source

We hope Aggieman participants will help with the fundraising by getting as many race sponsors as possible. From our relatively small race to a giant like the Boston Marathon, race proceeds pale in comparison to what motivated individual participants can achieve. With the help of your friends, colleagues and families we can make a difference!

Donations will benefit Wide Horizons For Children's Ethiopia Humanitarian Aid program, which focuses on education, healthcare and child sponsorship and family empowerment. We invite you to watch this [seven minute video](#) about the program. We hope it will inspire you to get involved, helping to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children. Wide Horizons For Children is a non-profit child welfare agency founded in 1974 and has allocated more than \$11 million in aid to at-risk children around the globe. Please visit www.whfc.org/whffc for additional information.



View and share this video!

We are counting on race participants to help fundraise for this cause. To assist in the fundraising, we are using an online tool called FirstGiving (www.firstgiving.com), where each race participant can create their own fundraising page that accepts and tracks online donations. Your friends and family can also send checks if they prefer. Please just ask them to write "Aggieman/your full name" so we can track it. We will notify you of donations received by mail so you can track your fundraising progress and even include offline amounts in the total funds raised on your page. **There is NO charge or fundraising minimum for you to use this tool and it's easy and quick to sign up.** Once you've created your personal fundraising page you can e-mail the link to friends and family and post the page to your blog, Facebook or other social media sites to maximize your exposure and fundraising success. Please follow the instructions below to create your race page and start fundraising!

Please feel free to contact Laura Wells at Wide Horizons For Children with any fundraising related questions. Toll Free: 800-729-5330 x 1362, Email: lwells@whfc.org

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on June 19th.

Ed Harvey
Race Director
edmundharvey@yahoo.com

How to set-up your **firstgiving** fundraising page

Step 1: Go to www.firstgiving.com/17649 to bring up the page for Wide Horizons For Children (alternatively you can go to www.firstgiving.com and type Wide Horizons in the “Find a nonprofit” box & hit “Go”. You’ll know you’re at the correct page when you see the screen below that says Wide Horizons For Children, Inc., Waltham, MA, EIN: 04-2564960)

Step 2: Once you’re on the Wide Horizons page (see right), click the link called “make your own fundraising page for Wide Horizons For Children Inc.” or click the orange “Get Started” button.

Wide Horizons for Children, Inc.
Waltham, MA | EIN: 04-2564960 | [website](#)

Want to raise money for this nonprofit?

Make your own fundraising page for Wide Horizons for Children, Inc.

Get Started

Learn more

create your page button

Want to donate?

Donate to your friend's page:
Enter friend's name

Find View all fundraising pages

Donate to this nonprofit:

Donate

Total raised
For Wide Horizons for Children, Inc.
\$1,400.00
\$1,400.00 raised online
1 person is raising money
24 people have donated

Top fundraisers
Be the first to raise money for Wide Horizons for Children, Inc.

About Wide Horizons for Children, Inc.

Wide Horizons For Children, Inc., was founded in 1974 and is dedicated to the physical and social welfare of children everywhere and to the belief that each child should be given the opportunity to have a loving home. In addition to finding homes for children through adoption, WHFC is committed to providing humanitarian aid to benefit children around the world, particularly those who are waiting for a family and those who may never be adopted. Similarly, we are committed to providing financial subsidies that will make it possible for more people to afford the cost of adoption.

Step 3: Click the orange “select” button under the Sporting section

What sort of page would you like to create?

Sporting

- Running/marathons
- Trekking/walkathons
- Bike rides
- Swimming
- Triathlons
- Skydiving
- Everything athletic

select >

In memory of someone

Honor the memory of someone you love by collecting money for a cause they cared about.

select >

Personal occasion

Celebrate any occasion - a birthday, wedding, anniversary or birth - by raising money for your favorite nonprofit.

select >

Use your imagination

Be inventive - shave your head, grow a beard, give up smoking, do nothing...

select >

Step 4: Select “Triathlon” from the “What sort of event are you doing?” drop-down list
Enter the date of the race: June 19, 2010

About your fundraising page

What sort of event are you doing? Triathlons

When is it? June / 19 / 2010

continue >

Step 5: Type “Aggieman Triathlon” in the text box on the right under the “Can’t find your event?” heading and hit the orange continue button.

About your event

Please choose your event from the list. If you can't find it, just create your own.

Events on and around Jun 19, 2010

May 1, 2010 **Ironman St. George** **select**

Can't find your event?
Enter the name of your event here to continue building your page:
Aggieman Triathlon
continue >

Step 6: Enter your e-mail address, click “I am new to this site” & hit continue
If you already have a firstgiving account select the “I have an account and my password is” button and enter your password) before hitting continue

Please log in or create an account

This page is 100% secure
VeriSign Secured
Our donation service accepts VISA MasterCard

Your email

I'm new to this site
 I have an account and my password is

[Forgot your password?](#)

continue >

Step 7: Choose a unique URL for your page. It can be your name, or something else that is easy to remember. This is the link you will send to your friends, family and colleagues. You can also include it on your website, blog or social networking pages.

Now create your fundraising page

Choose a web address for your new fundraising page

www.firstgiving.com/aggieman **AVAILABLE**

create your page >

Step 8: If you've chosen a unique URL you'll receive a confirmation page, if not, try another name. Click “edit your page” to finish.

You've created a fundraising page!

Personalize your page and share it with friends and family

1. Add a photo, write a personal message, set your fundraising target, and more...
2. Share your fundraising page with friends and family and ask them to make donations

[edit your page >](#)

Step 9: Personalize your page, including: banner text, event date display, names of training buddies, fundraising goal, personal picture & caption and edit the personal message. If you're not sure what to say, we've included a sample that you can paste into the "personal message" section (see below). The information on the left about Wide Horizons will automatically populate. You can also choose what information is displayed about online donors, add in donations received by check and personalize a thank-you message. You can decide if you wish to be alerted when donations are made. Hit the orange "save and continue" button when you're finished personalizing your page.

Account home Fundraising pages Your donations Account details Sign out

Edit your page here [save and continue >](#)

Page owner: Laura Wells
Event: 5th Annual Aggieman Triathlon Adventure
Select a date to display: Display Event Date
Training buddies:

Fundraising target: \$ 0

Change personal message: Characters remaining: 9672

Thank you for visiting my fundraising page for Wide Horizons for Children, Inc!
Donating through this website is simple, fast and totally secure. It is also the most efficient way to support my fundraising efforts.
Many thanks for your support -- and don't forget to forward this to anyone who you think might want to donate too!

change this image

Add a caption:

Setting a fundraising target:
The amount you choose is completely up to you. We only ask that you set a goal that will be a little challenging for you, whether it's \$200 or \$2,500.

Donations received by mail
Your supports can mail donations directly to WHFC if they don't like to use their credit card online. Please have them write "Aggieman & your name" in the memo. We will notify you of mailed in donations so you can track your progress & update your fundraising total on your FirstGiving page:

1. login to your FG account
2. under "fundraising page" tab, click "edit your page"
3. enter total in the "amount raised offline" box below your personal message
4. Hit orange "save & continue" button to update

Check any columns that you want the public to see on your page ([find out more](#))

Display name	Date	Amount	Comment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Details of donations to your page will appear here.

Total raised online: \$ Amount

Amount raised offline: \$ 0

Grand Total: \$ Amount

Donation confirmation

For your sponsors -
Personalize the thank you email that we send everyone who makes a donation to your fundraising page.

Thank you very much for sponsoring me. Your donation really means a lot to me and to Wide Horizons for Children, Inc..

Laura Wells

For you - Send me a confirmation email whenever anyone donates to my page

[save and continue >](#)

Sample Personal Message (feel free to customize as you like):

Thank you for visiting my fundraising page for the AggieMan Triathlon Adventure, with proceeds benefiting Wide Horizons for Children's Ethiopia Humanitarian Aid! Please consider sponsoring me in this adventure with a generous donation. Wide Horizons For Children's projects in Ethiopia focus on education, healthcare and child sponsorship and family empowerment. Please watch this video about the Ethiopia Aid Program (<http://www.whfc.org/WHFFC/video/Ethiopia.htm>) to learn more or visit www.whfc.org/whffc.

Donating through this website is simple, fast and totally secure. It is also the most efficient way to support my fundraising efforts. Donations can also be made by sending a check payable to "WHFC" to Wide Horizons, Attn Sonali Gupta, 38 Edge Hill Road, Waltham, MA. Please include "AggieMan/<participant's name>" in the memo.

*Double or triple your support with a Matching Gift. Ask your employer for details.
Your gift is tax deductible to the extent provided by law – and deeply appreciated!*

Many thanks for your support -- and don't forget to forward this to anyone who you think might want to donate!

About the Race

5th Annual AggieMan Triathlon Adventure
June 19, 2010

www.aggieMan.org

Point to point race beginning with a 2 mile kayak at the Eliot Boat Basin in Eliot, ME. Next, a 24.9 mile bike ride from Eliot to York leads to the concluding 3 mile run to the summit Mt. Agamenticus. A great race for beginners and competitors alike. Relay teams welcome.

Facts about Ethiopia

The needs of children and families in Ethiopia are staggering:

- Ethiopia is listed in the top 10 countries for the worst human development index worldwide
- 5 million, or 16% of all children in Ethiopia are orphans
- 1 in every 13 children dies before his/her first birthday


- 1 in 14 women will die from complications during pregnancy or childbirth
- More than 1/3 of children under age 5 are malnourished
- 4 out of 5 families live on less than \$2 a day
- In rural areas, fewer than 1 in 3 families has access to a clean water source

Step 10: Your fundraising page is live! E-mail your unique FirstGiving URL to friends & family and follow the steps on the screen to create a fundraising widget for your blog, website, Facebook or other social networking sites. At anytime you can log-in to www.firstgiving.com with your e-mail address and password to update your page & track your fundraising progress.

Account home Fundraising pages Your donations Account details [Sign out](#)

Your fundraising page has been updated

It's live and ready to take donations at:
<http://www.firstgiving.com/aggieman>

 **Email your friends**
Ask for donations, send updates and thank people for supporting you.

Get a fundraising widget
A mini version of your fundraising page to put on your blogs, websites and MySpace.

Design and share your page
Edit your page and see what you can do to boost your fundraising.

Helpful Resources

Top fundraising tips:

<http://help.firstgiving.com/fundraising-tips>

Need help setting up your page?
e-mail support@firstgiving.com
or call: 1-877-365-2949