

Dear World Changer,

It is with great excitement that we write to you to share news about a partnership that has formed between ME to WE, Markham District High School (MDHS), and the York Region District School Board. In September 2016, MDHS will be introducing a new program that fosters leadership development, promotes social justice awareness, and encourages young people to engage in both their local and global communities – the **MDHS ME to WE Leadership Program**.

This program is the first of its kind in Canada and given MDHS's longstanding relationship with ME to WE and Free the Children, we are thrilled to see the work of students being recognized in a formal way through this program. MDHS has been part of the Me to We network of schools for over 15 years and has a longstanding tradition of leadership and social engagement.

In the first year of their association with ME to WE and Free the Children, the students of MDHS raised over \$10,000 to build a school in one of Free the Children's Adopt-A-Village communities overseas. Since that time, MDHS has hosted several unique events including a Free the Children Fun Run that, in its most active year, involved more than 400 participants from both MDHS and local elementary schools. Since that time, MDHS has continued to be extremely active in the local and global community raising in excess of \$500,000 for a wide range of charities.

We would like to encourage all young people with a passion for making the world a better place, both locally and globally, to apply for this unique program so you can develop your leadership skills, take on exciting new challenges and engage in meaningful action that will help shape our local community and support our neighbours around the world.

This program is being spearheaded by an extremely dedicated group of teachers who believe in the power of young people to effect change in our world. This exceptional Leadership Program will give you the opportunity to become involved in something new and exciting as you begin your high school journey.

We are very excited about the new **MDHS ME to WE Leadership Program** and we hope that you will be part of it.

Be the Change,



Marc Kielburger



Craig Kielburger