

A close-up photograph of a young boy with short, light-colored hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a red and brown patterned shirt. A tiger cub is visible on his right shoulder, its head resting against his neck. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a classroom or library setting with wooden shelves.

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The boy with the tiger



# The boy with the tiger

Benjamin sat in the corner, a lonely 12 year old, with a tight grip on his only personal possession – a toy tiger ...

Maria Antonia could see something in this new kid – from time to time, she could see a sparkle in his eyes, but in the past two weeks he had been distant from everyone.

Maria Antonia is the "Educadora" (house-mother) in Casa Alianza. An outreach project in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras.

Benjamin had told her he was there "because my family is too poor to keep me" ... (in fact his young life was scarred by abuse and neglect, until finally he ended up here).

But *today* seemed different. The *atmosphere* in the whole hostel was different.

And Benjamin *felt* different.

As the Casa Alianza Scout Tropa 31 got ready for a new trip, Benjamin looked on, not with the usual fear, but with a sense of curiosity.

Benjamin timidly asked Maria Antonia "How can I be like them?" ... Looking at the forty Scouts, in uniform, working in patrols gathering their kit together – it wasn't like a usual day in Casa Alianza. Today, this was different ... these *Scouts* seemed different somehow ...

"Why not join us this weekend?" she asked

"Could I? ... Will they take my stuff?" he whispered with fearful eyes, holding his tiger even tighter ... but really hoping he could join them ...

"Of course not ... take my hand and let's go!"







His mind raced with excitement and concern – would he be bullied like he was at home, and at the hostel ... all the kids were older – or at least more experienced in Casa Alianza than he was ... would they take what remained of his stuff ... he clung to Maria Antonia ... never letting her out of his sight ... and with a definite grip on his talisman – his cuddly tiger.

Carlos introduced himself on the bus as he sat down beside Benjamin – “Do you want to join our patrol? We can name it the tiger patrol, if you like and we can use your tiger as our mascot ... he’s nice”, said Carlos.

Carlos explained that he was a Scout in Casa Alianza up to recently when he graduated. He is now studying law in university, and is working in McDonalds to pay his way. (His late mother was a human rights advocate and he wants to follow her footsteps). He is helping to rebuild his elderly neighbour’s house ... and has survived, thanks to Scouts and Casa Alianza. Benjamin looked up to the older boy with admiration ... he felt safe beside him.

When they arrived Maria Antonia nudged Benjamin and he went off to explore with Carlos and the others. ‘Come on, we’re going to the river’ ... and for the first time, Benjamin was on his own. His fears of everything and everyone soon forgotten as Carlos pointed out the different parts of the camp and introduced all the patrol members ... they all smiled!

## Carlos - a big brother





The camp was amazing – Benjamin had never seen anything like it in his life ... in contrast to the cramped, busy streets of home, now he was in the open air of the forest, the birds! ... the air was so clean ... and it was quiet ... and then the river ... the water was clear as glass ... and you could swim and play in it!

Five minutes later, Benjamin was laughing and splashing with the others. This was paradise ... no need to toil in the fields, no fear of being beaten by anyone, no gangs to avoid in the streets ... Casa Alianza was great, but this was truly awesome. For the first time, Benjamin felt really safe.

A whistle blew and Carlos put his arm around Benjamin's shoulder and together with the rest of the patrol they returned to the Camp Centre. Time for breakfast!

Over their meal, Carlos got his patrol to describe how they ended up in Casa Alianza. Each of the Scouts shared stories about themselves and how they were invited to the Scout Camp.

Carlos explained that the weekend camp was to be a celebration of twenty years of Tropa 31 in Casa Alianza. Over a thousand Scouts have come through the troop in that time, and this weekend they were gathering together some of the older Scouts to meet the new guys and share some of the history.

## Fresh air and freedom

After breakfast, all the Scouts, young and old gathered together to begin the “Tropa 31 Trail”. They would walk through the campsite, stopping once in a while to have a rest and listen to a new story – some from the older Scouts, some from the newer ones.

Fenix, a smartly dressed lady, explained that she was part of the first generation of Scouts in Tropa 31, nearly 20 years ago, and she is now leading her own business to support her family. “I wanted to tell you, never stop trying, that’s the worst mistake – you need to hang on to the opportunities you have. If I can make it and turn my life around, so can you!”

She introduced three young women and one older lady.

The first girl, let's call her “B”, started to tell her story.

“Many of the girls in Casa Alianza have to stay in a specially protected unit – the “Querubines” (Little Angels) - and only join the others when there is a

Scout activity. That’s because many have been saved from the streets where they were forced (or sold into) prostitution ... like my sister and I – we’ve spent three years in the troop – we were sold for just USD 25 each to a local pimp ... by our mother!

Our lives were transformed by Casa Alianza and particularly by the Scouts”.

A second girl “C” who is only 14, now oozes confidence after three years in the Scouts. At the age of 11 she was sold by her mother who was tired of having to take her to hospital – for treatment of her leukemia. “C” herself called the authorities and was rescued from a horrific life ... “I’m still going for chemo, but my hair doesn’t fall out anymore”, and adds – “I’m going to be a doctor and take care of kids with cancer”.

# Angels can fly!



The names and faces of the girls are hidden for child protection reasons

Clelia, a kind local business woman, has taken the Querubines to her heart ... her hairdressing business employs only former members of this special troop who she defends, protects and inspires to break out of the vicious cycle of poverty ... Some other business men and women in the market try to get rid of these kids – but Clelia takes care of them.

"She's our hero", says "D", a confident 13 year old Scout from the Querubines group.

"I was a rebel as a kid, but in the Scouts, I have learned that I have to be good – everyone should do good like we Scouts do! Clelia is a living example to us, so she now needs to be a Scout!"

"B" and the other girls called Clelia forward and together they awarded her a special recognition – they would like to invest her into the Tropa 31, as a "Messenger of Peace" and together give her a special MoP scarf.

She was very touched and almost cried with tears of joy.

# The guardian of the angels





Dressed in his Air Force Major's uniform, Edwin looked amazing ...

"Wow, is he also a Scout? I want to be like him" Benjamin thought.

All the kids buzzed with excitement and had many questions for Edwin – what's it like to fly? How do you join the Air Force?

Once he had satisfied their excitement he stepped forward..."I am You", said Edwin.

"I was playing football with a tin can, barefoot, in a dangerous street with a friend at night, when I was approached by the team from Casa Alianza, and rescued.

I was only 7. My dad and mum had died, and my grandmother just couldn't cope ... they talked to me about a different life... and I never looked back!

Then I was lucky to be one of the first Scouts in Tropa 31, and became leader of the Lion Patrol. Scouting gave me a sense of honour towards myself, and taught me how to help others without expecting anything in return. I think I have lived up to it. Look at me now – and each of you can do the same!"

Together the group took a walk to the next clearing exploring and chatting.

"Okay, that's it for me, now I'd like to introduce you to one of my very dear friends who is also a Casa Alianza Scout ... And I think you'll all know him ... "

# I am you!





From behind a tree walked ... Josec Ruiz – also known as “The Scorpion” – Light Weight Boxing Champion of Central America!

The Scouts stood silent in amazement as this mountain of a man walked into the centre of the group, hugged Edwin and then turned to tell his tale ...

“As a black kid on the streets of Honduras – well, you all know - I was destined for the gangs – my life would be prostitution, drugs, crime or even murder. After my mother died and my father left for the USA, I was all alone, and I was really scared, even though I was a good fighter, there’s always someone bigger than you and on the streets, there were plenty of harder kids ... but luckily for me, I was rescued by Sister Leonarda and brought to Casa Alianza at the age of 14 and fortunately for me, I was accepted in the Scouts too.”

“You see,” whispered Carlos to Benjamin, “We were all scared when he arrived first - but no that we know him he was just like the rest of us”

“You know guys – if it had not been for the Scouts, I would not be where I am. Scouting gave me the discipline needed to become a champion.”

The Scorpion went to each Scout, one by one, gave each a big hug, signed autographs on their Scout scarves, and answered question after question – all the Scouts were buzzing.

Wilmar joined Josec in the centre of the group, hugged his friend and pointed to a nine year old Scout, in perfect uniform, standing at the edge of the group – “Let me introduce you to my son, Maurice!” Everyone clapped and hooted!

“Scouts!” ... The Scorpion called the attention of the Scouts ... “the guy that I really look up to in life is my friend here beside me – Wilmar”, “this man is one of the strongest guys I know. He’s not a boxing champion, or a Major in the Air Force, but he’s got one of the most important jobs in the world – and he does it really well.

His real job, apart from working in the city recycling plant, is as a FATHER! And believe me – each one of you boys around here LISTEN CAREFULLY – this is the most important job in the world!” The Scouts cheered!!

Maurice stood six foot tall seeing his dad being introduced by the Scorpion like a long lost friend ... “That’s MY dad!”

# “The Scorpion”





Wilmar opens the book on his life story...

"If any of you think you're bad, let me tell you, I was a complete disaster!

Before I could stay in Casa Alianza, I had to spend six months in detox in La Finca (a 'cold turkey' farm for drug addicts). I was so high on glue and other drugs. I was one of those crazy guys on the street that you really want to avoid. But I joined Casa Alianza, and again, I was lucky enough to be noticed by the Educadores, and was quickly invited to join the Scouts".

"Without question, this changed my life. I could see a 'future' – before that I had no direction, all I had was the next bag of glue. But with the Scouts, I had the next camp, the next service project in the community, the next badge".

"When I left Casa Alianza, I got a job, and I had a girlfriend ... and a while after she gave birth to our son, she was murdered ... we named our son after Maurice – our Swiss Scout friend. As the Educadore who brought me into the Scouts, Maurice saved my life, and probably our son's too".

"Without him, I might be lying dead in some gutter as well ... I'm very proud of what I have achieved in life – but I would be nothing without this scarf!"

Tears were wiped from faces around the clearing – the whole group could identify with this father's account of his life!

# The most important job

"You see, everyone can be a hero", says Danilo, the next 'older Scout' to be encountered along the trail of discovery.

"I spent 4 years on the streets - I wandered from town to town, almost across the whole country, and, like Carlos, I had to root through other people's garbage and to steal in order to survive. And like my friends here, I was lucky enough to be a member of Tropa 31 and cared for in Casa Alianza.

"We might think we are helpless, that we can't do anything, we're just kids, but we can! When I was only 15, a huge storm, Hurricane Mitch, hit our city ... poor people from my old neighborhood were really hit hard. Lots of houses were simply blown away. People went missing, washed away in the floods, and there was mud and rubbish everywhere."

"But as Scouts we promised to help others and in Tropa 31 we turned our attention to the poorer streets where we came from. Dressed in our Scout uniforms, we went out to clean up, and then organised a fundraising drive

# We are not losers - we're the Casa Scouts





and raised enough money, food and clothes to help nearly 100 families. It was amazing! We, the “useless gangsters in Casa Alianza” as everyone called us – we took leadership in a time of disaster and made a big difference! And everyone noticed! They were calling us the ‘Casa Scouts’ “

He picks his guitar from the floor and plays a few cheerful notes. Everyone sings along – we can do anything!

Danilo leads the group back to the Camp Centre, the Scouts in high spirits, chatting as they walk with one or two of their new friends – the ‘older’ Scouts ... each Scout finds someone to talk to and even Benjamin latches on to Josec Ruiz, the Scorpion.

Over dinner, Maria Antonia notices Benjamin no longer has his tiger –

“Where is he?” she asks, “did someone take it?”.

“No, he’s in my pack ... I don’t need him here, I’ve all my friends to take care of me now!”





Later around the campfire as the embers fade, Maria Antonia stands in the center of the circle and addresses the Scouts: "We came here today, all from different generations, different parts of Honduras and even different parts of the world. What's clear is that we all have a story to tell, we all have our hopes, our dreams, and yes, even our fears.

One among us started today by asking me, how do I become like all these Scouts?

He is the youngest among us, but I would like to say to him, you are one of us – and we are like you. And from what we have seen of you today, we would like to invite you to join us.

"Benjamin, please come forward and accept your Scout Scarf and take your promise as a full member of Tropa 31".

... and so it continues ... you can become Air Force Major? ... a boxing champion? ... a good father? ... a company manager, a decent citizen?

Who knows what the future will hold – but all good men and women - for sure have a future ... thanks to Scouting and Casa Alianza working together!

# Please join us!

Honduran Scout President, Olga Dubon is passionate about making a difference in the lives of the marginalized young people on the streets of her country:

“Benjamin lives on the edge – he is typical of thousands of young boys and girls here in Honduras and more than 170 million street kids in vulnerable situations worldwide. These young people live in deplorable conditions, with no home, shelter, food, health care or education. Kids like Benjamin are regularly shunned by society, and even, in some cases, vigilantes try to wipe them out! Sexual abuse and exploitation, drug abuse and criminal activity, are a constant threat in their lives. That’s why the collaboration over the last 20 years between the Scouts and Casa Alianza is so important.

“Together, we have saved lives – literally saved lives.

“Our aim is to reach out to more young people like Benjamin, and to work with more local organisations like Casa Alianza – it’s the only way – by using our complimentary skills we can make a real difference”, says Olga.

“With support of the World Scout Foundation’s ‘Ricardo Salinas Fund’, Honduran Scouts will be gearing up in the coming months to reach out to more young people like Benjamin,” explains Scott Teare, WOSM Secretary General.

“Street Scouts in the Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Thailand, Kenya, Uganda, Egypt all follow a similar path we call ‘Ticket to Life’. WOSM is really proud of what Olga and her colleagues have achieved – and with local leaders like Maria Antonia, and Juan Carlos, Scouting in these groups round the world flourish. We look forward to Edwin, Carlos and Wilmar taking up the role as leaders too – and maybe one day Benjamin too – and the cycle of Scouting continues”.

“But it is by linking up with other community organisations, as Olga explained that Scouting has greatest impact. This formula links Casa Alianza – an oasis, a lifeline, an oxygen bubble for street children and ‘at risk’ youth with the magic of the Scout programme.

“Casa Alianza is a safe place for boys and girls, sometimes as young as 10, who are living by themselves on the dirty



## The big picture

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and dangerous streets of the country's major cities. In Casa Alianza they find unconditional love and respect. A safe environment where a dedicated team is present 24/7 to listen and guide, to offer them a fresh start full of dreams and opportunities – to simply believe in them. Its methodology leads them through a healthy process of personal development, step by step.

And Scouting is part of it. Building on the 'bubble' of security, Scouting can do much more – by challenging these young people to use the incredible survival skills they develop on the streets – but in a positive way. By adding values, respect and hope, Scouting has been able to bring the work in Casa Alianza to a new level, and helped generations of young people to a new life, full of hope.

"But it is more than that. It is a way to feel part of society again, after being treated as social outcasts. Scouts in uniform are respected and admired. Scouting is certainly about learning and having fun, but for those kids it is also essentially an opportunity to breathe and be children again, to step back from the crazy world of gangs, drugs and violence ... and see a future!

"Imagine the difference in all these cities around the world – isn't it worth the investment?", says Scott.

On behalf of Scouts like Benjamin and 40 million others around the world, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all the donors that make up the World Scout Foundation's amazing network! With your help, we make the difference. Your project funding goes directly to help young kids like Benjamin, and your endowment contributions help my team to support Olga and her colleagues in 163 National Scout organisations to do their job better – through organizational development support, training and programme development.

But above all, because Olga, Maria Antonia and other leaders work not for money but for the cause, your moral support helps to inspire us all to work harder!

Keep it up, we need your energy!



# Chairman's message

Siegfried Weiser  
Chairman, World Scout Foundation

Chosen at random from among a group of Scouts during a WSF trip to evaluate a Messengers of Peace project in Honduras – one of hundreds of projects we could have chosen to evaluate - this young man, Benjamin, is for me a symbol of the millions of lives touched by Scouting.

I've seen for myself this year among the Syrian refugees many 'Benjamins' helped and supported by the Lebanese Scouts, or during our visits to Philippines and Ethiopia, Benjamin's story is repeated again and again.

Quite simply, Scouting changes lives. It takes young people, inspires them to dream – to see a future – and to reach for it!

And that's why Scouting is such a good cause – because these young men and women can grow into champion boxers, pilots, mothers or fathers – heroes each and every one.

This year, Scouting took some significant steps – the service hour counter on [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org), set at zero in late 2012 passed the 600,000,000 mark in the last days of 2014. That's six hundred million hours of service carried out by Scouts throughout the world in a little over two years – what a result of your engagement and investment! From the dream of the late King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, with the support of our Honorary Chairman, and the energy of millions of Scouts and leaders – the value of this work is huge. It's another reason why Scouting is such a great investment.

As we mourn a great supporter in King Abdullah we also remember his message – "The people of the world are moving apart - Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and Christians – we are the same. We all pray to the same God – You Scouts must be Messengers of Peace!" King Abdullah saw the Scout Movement for what it is – a movement of energetic leaders who want to change the world. King Abuddah helped accelerate this change – and Benjamins all over the world will remember him for this!

Thank you all for your belief in Scouting



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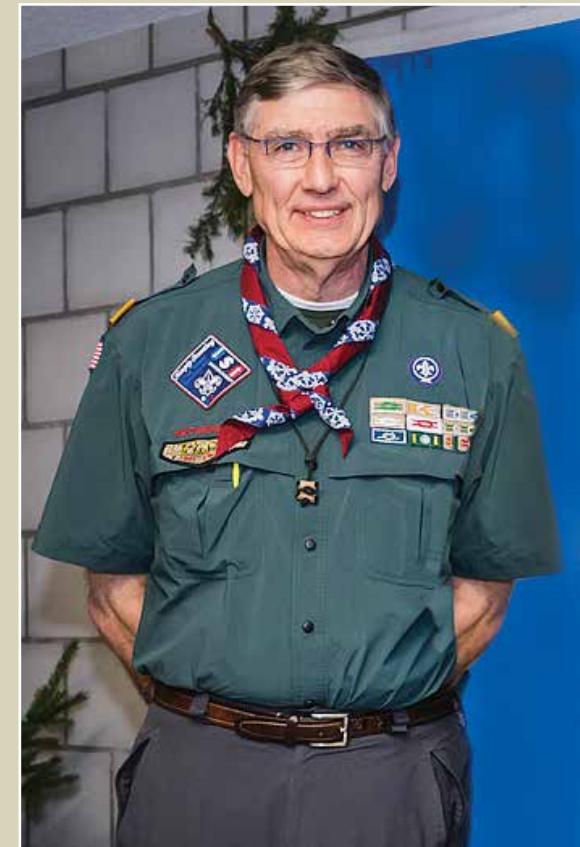
The Board of the World Scout Foundation met twice in 2014. The first meeting took place in Copenhagen in May and the second meeting in Zürich in October. The Audit Committee met once in May, the Nominations Committee met twice and the Investment Committee met in total four times in 2014. In addition the Board used the on-line web platform to exchange ideas and information and to stay up to date concerning the implementation of the Annual Plan, the progress of the investment portfolio and regarding news from World Scouting and the World Baden-Powell Fellowship.

Key decisions taken by the Board during this year include:

- The approval of a second exceptional grant requested by the World Scout Bureau related to its reorganisation and relocation to Kuala Lumpur.
- That from 2015 onwards, to organise only one major BP Fellowship event per year and concentrate instead on field visits and more targeted 'honours-programme' events.
- The approval of a revised asset allocation within the WSF Investment Policy.
- The appointment of Mr James S. Turley (USA) as new member of the WSF Board.

The Board also welcomed Mr João Armando Gonçalves (Portugal), Chairman World Scout Committee, and Mr Dan Ownby (USA), Vice-Chairman World Scout Committee, as new ex-officio members of the WSF Board.

Sadly two long standing Board Members have 'Gone Home' this year - Mr Garnet de la Hunt and Dr Gustavo J. Vollmer passed away this year. Their exceptional services were recognised by the Honorary Chairman and all the members of the Board, and many BP Fellows and friends of Scouting. Their legacy of leadership lives on in the success of Scouting worldwide.



Wayne M. Perry (USA)  
**Chairman-Elect**

# Raising the funds

"2014 was certainly an excellent year for the Foundation!" reports Wayne Perry, Chairman Elect of the WSF. In total the Foundation received donations in the amount of USD 13 million in firm pledges and cash contributions. Due to careful management in these volatile times the endowment fund, together with the funds held abroad, amounts to USD 79.5 million despite the larger grant to WOSM. The Fellowship welcomed 5 new Regal Circle Members and in total 83 new BP Fellows bringing the membership of the World Baden-Powell Fellowship up to an impressive 2,268.

In 2014 the Messengers of Peace Initiative had 78 active projects in 56 countries and 16 within the World Scout Bureau and its Regional Offices. The amount of grants in 2014 was USD 3.1 million and since its start in 2010 a total of USD 12.8 million has been awarded.

The Foundation hosted four major events during the year. Six Regal Circle Members participated in a Field Visit to the Philippines to witness how our contributions make a substantial impact on the lives of people who were affected by the hurricane and subsequent flooding in the Tacloban area. In Manila the successful street children project – Ticket to Life – was experienced in detail.

In May Vibeke Riemer and Lars Kolind together with the Danish Guide and Scout Council hosted a full BP Fellowship Event in Copenhagen. 23

new BP Fellows and new Honors Programme members were recognised. During the event participants witnessed a fantastic example of modern Scouting in the city as well as listened to and interacted with some impressive keynote speakers during the leadership seminar.

A very special Regal Circle Dinner took place in the Royal Palace in Stockholm in September, where the Honorary Chairman hosted the dinner and officially welcomed new Regal Circle Members. The background of beautiful Stockholm and the stunning dinner location also inspired some very positive discussions on the future plans for Scouting round the world. In October Eberhard von Koerber with the board of the Swiss Chapter and the Swiss Guide & Scout Movement organised the second Fellowship Event of the year in Switzerland. The business part of the Event took place in Zürich. The leadership seminar focused on Scouting in Africa and an impressive line-up of keynote speakers and panel members showcased the successes and potentials for this vibrant Scout Region. 27 new BP Fellows and new Honours Programme members were recognised. The Scouting part of the Event took place at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre, which showed why Baden-Powell in 1923 decided to open the Scout Centre in that specific location.

To our kind supporters and all who worked hard to come to this result I can only say "Thank you! Your dedication and support to over 40 million Scouts is fantastic!"



# Financial summary

Fredrik Gottlieb, the World Scout Foundation's Treasurer reports that 2014 has been a challenging year in terms of investments with the last quarter being dominated by a sharp fall in oil prices leading to uncertainty in the markets. He is pleased to be able to declare 2014 a rewarding financial year! With a 3.9% return on investment (11.7% in 2013), which was 1% ahead of WSF benchmark, together with positive results in fundraising, the Foundation's capital (including funds held abroad) stood at USD 79.5 million on 31st December 2014.

The Board has therefore been able to continue its grant-making to World Scouting with USD 8.9 million awarded in 2014 (2013: USD 8.9 million). This includes grants made in the 'Messengers of Peace Initiative' - supported by the late King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

Part of these funds have been dedicated to supporting on-line promotion of community service; capacity strengthening of local organisations to grow the number of leaders and so impact on the community; support to the model projects in key National Scout Organisations.

The results of these grants have been impressive – with a total of 'service hours' reported by Scouts worldwide in just 24 months

reaching 610,189,150 hours! That's quite a lot of impact on local communities worldwide!

In order to streamline the Foundation's grant-making further and to increase clarity in the use of the annual core grants it makes to WOSM, the Foundation signed an Annual Grant Agreement with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement. This complements the already rigorous system of grant management in place for MOP and other projects. The Board feels more confident that together the WSF and WOSM are better placed to handle the increasingly complex and diverse regime of grant-making in the WSF fundraising strategy.

The Foundation's administration and staff costs remain covered by a special fund established by a small group of existing donors. This means that every new gift to the Foundation goes entirely to Scout projects. No percentage is taken from new donations to cover the WSF costs.

No fees or expenses are paid to Officers or Members of the Board or of its sub-committees.

The World Scout Foundation is an independent, not for profit, charitable organisation, established under Swiss law, and also independently

recognized under the laws of Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, United Kingdom and United States of America (501(c)3). Contributions to the Foundation, in these and other countries, are regularly made through National Scout Organisations.

PricewaterhouseCoopers audit the World Scout Foundation accounts and financial statements, annually.

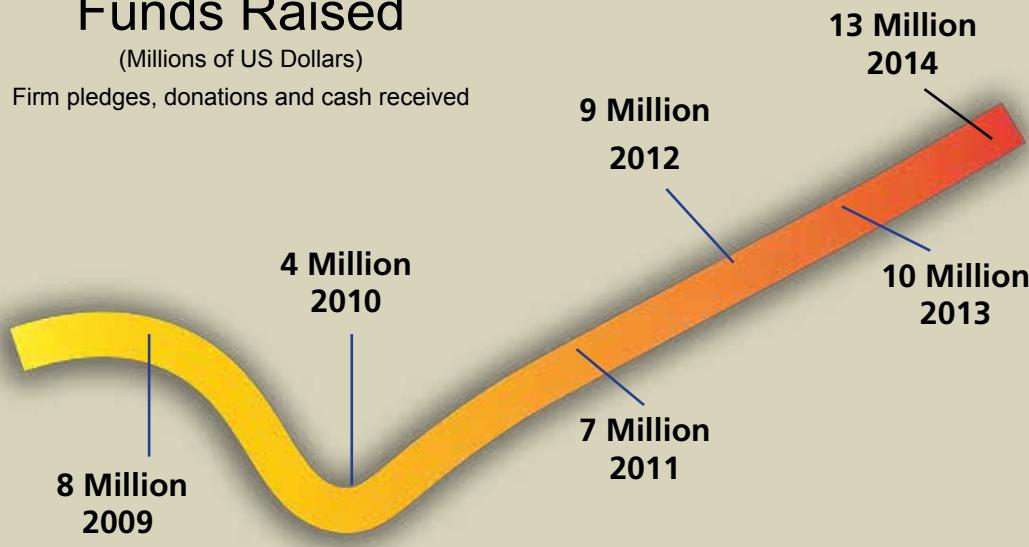
The Board confirms that in its opinion all Board Members are independent in character and judgment and have acted independently. In case of potential conflicts of interest the Board Members concerned have absented themselves from the relevant decisions.

The complete audited financial statements are available; please contact the World Scout Foundation Office in Geneva for a copy.

## Funds Raised

(Millions of US Dollars)

Firm pledges, donations and cash received



## The WSF Capital

(Millions of US Dollars)

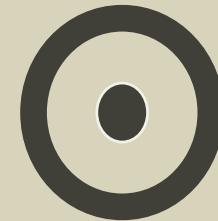


## Grants to Scouting

(Millions of US Dollars)



# Gone Home – King Abdullah – the inspiration for Messengers of Peace



In the early days of Scouting, Baden – Powell taught Scouts to live respectfully in nature and give service to others.

To show the way to others, a Scout would lay a trail through a forest or over a mountain, guiding those who followed along the most favourable path, avoiding danger. BP introduced trail signs for turn right, turn left, etc, and at the end of the trail, his sign for "gone home" (●) was a stone in the centre of a circle of stones, meaning those who were to follow had to go on ahead without him.

As time went on in Scouting, when a Scout passed away, the "Gone Home" sign was used as an "In Memoriam" sign recognized by Scouts the world over.

And so for King Abdullah – the man who helped inspire millions of Scouts around the world when he stood with His Majesty the King of Sweden, a Muslim leader and a Western leader, shoulder to shoulder in a very difficult time in history – we say he has "Gone Home".

He has left a strong legacy, directions along a trail that is difficult to follow – through misunderstanding and distrust, helping Scouts with inter-faith and inter-religious dialogue, but above all with a joint message with his co-sponsor of MoP, the message that no matter how small a step you take to help your community to be more peaceful safe and caring, that step is important and it should be taken with confidence.

Scouts are "Messengers of Peace". Millions of Scouts the world over believe so, they have followed the trail left by HM King Abdullah and his friend, the King of Sweden. His memory will live on.

620 million hours of service, 10 million people talking about MoP on social media and 6 million service projects globally – in only 30 months ... that's a lot of young people following your lead, King Abdullah.

You have "gone home" King Abdullah, but millions of Scouts will continue to follow your trail!



# Thanks to our donors

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Jack and Debra Furst  
James and Lynn Turley

His Majesty also welcomed one new member of the Baden Powell Circle:

HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal al Saud





The boy with the tiger - a Messengers of Peace project in Honduras - is the story of one of hundreds of projects we could have chosen to evaluate, and this young man, Benjamin, is a symbol of the millions of lives touched by Scouting.

We invite you to view some online videos highlighting the valuable community actions of Scouts worldwide.



Football Pitch



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Your tent is my tent

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