

**Free The Children premieres documentary, *Redefine Possible: The Story of Spencer West*, about a man with no legs who has inspired millions and redefined his possible by climbing Mount Kilimanjaro on his hands this past summer**

**Toronto, ON. Friday September 14, 2012** – On Saturday, September 15, international charity and educational partner, [Free The Children](#), in collaboration with BlackBerry® and Bell, is proud to present the exclusive screening and premiere of *Redefine Possible: The Story of Spencer West*. The documentary tells the inspiring story of **Spencer West**, who, despite losing his legs at the age of five, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro this past June on his hands and in his wheelchair, all while raising more than a half a million dollars for Free The Children clean water projects in Kenya.

The 40-minute documentary tells the story of Spencer's epic journey, unraveling his road towards self discovery. Specifically, how he overcame obstacles such as bullying, and what it felt like to be told by doctors that he would never be a functioning member of society. It also shares Spencer's biggest life challenge to date; climbing the tallest mountain in Africa, Mt. Kilimanjaro, with his two best friends, which received international attention this summer in mainstream media across the globe.

This journey empowered Spencer to redefine his possible, capturing the strength of his body, mind and spirit, all while inspiring thousands upon thousands of people around the world. In the documentary, he describes what it was like to grow up being different, and the life changing moments that put him on the path that got him to where he is today.

"We're so proud to share the always inspiring and motivational story of Spencer West, who has impacted the lives of so many people," said Karen Barzilay, Executive Producer, Free The Children. "So often people take what they have for granted. It's important we all take a step back and recognize how truly fortunate we are, while admiring Spencer for his perseverance and persistence in breaking down barriers to become the man he is today."

Spencer West is an ambassador for Free The Children and a motivational speaker for [Me to We](#). He reaches thousands of youth across North America, through speeches and at Free The Children's signature youth empowerment event We Day, motivating and inspiring youth to become active global citizens. *Redefine Possible: The Story of Spencer West*, was executive produced by Karen Barzilay. The supervising producer and editor was Matt Finlin.

The private screening and Q&A with Spencer takes place Saturday September 15 at TIFF Bell Lightbox at 8:30 p.m. EST, followed by a red carpet and exclusive cocktail reception at Malaparte, the 6<sup>th</sup> floor rooftop terrace, starting at 10:00 p.m. EST. Notable guests include **Craig** and **Marc Kielburger**, founders of Free The Children, **Ed Robertson** of Barenaked Ladies, **Paul De Angelis**, Spencer's climbing guide, and more.

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The red carpet is open to Media to attend to interview Spencer West and other guests in attendance.

#### **About Free The Children**

Free The Children is an international charity and educational partner that has more than 1.7 million young people involved in its programs in 45 countries. Founded in 1995 by international activist Craig Kielburger, Free The Children believes in a world where young people are free to achieve their fullest

potential, and empowers youth to remove barriers that prevent them from being active local and global citizens. The organization's domestic programs—which includes Free The Children's signature youth empowerment event, We Day ([www.weday.com](http://www.weday.com))—educate, engage and empower hundreds of thousands of youth in North America, the UK and around the world to become engaged global citizens. Its international projects have brought more than 650 schools and school rooms to youth and provided clean water and sanitation, health care and food security to one million people around the world, freeing children and their families from the cycle of poverty.

The organization has received the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child (also known as the Children's Nobel Prize), the Human Rights Award from the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, and has formed successful partnerships with leading school boards and Oprah's Angel Network. For more information, visit [www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com).

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