



Marc Kielburger
Co-Founder, Free The Children
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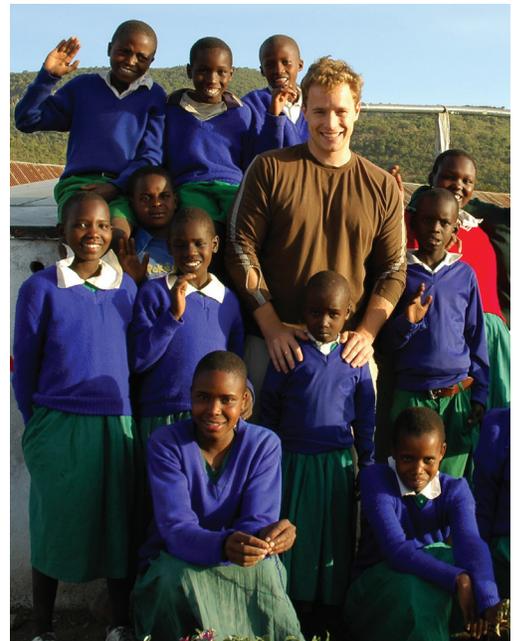
Marc Kielburger is a social entrepreneur, New York Times best-selling author and charismatic speaker, inspiring millions to improve their communities and the world through daily actions and socially conscious life choices.

Marc, along with his brother Craig, are co-founders of the world's leading platform for social change: [Free The Children](#), an international charity, [Me to We](#), an innovative social enterprise, and [We Day](#), a signature youth empowerment event.

While working as a Page in the House of Commons, Marc was invited on a trip to Thailand to volunteer with AIDS patients in the slums of Bangkok. Mobilized by the suffering he witnessed, Marc extended his two-week stay and didn't return home for a year! Motivated to make a difference, Marc completed his post-secondary education in the U.S. and UK and made a choice that changed his life—he moved back home to help his brother found Free The Children.

Founded in 1995, [Free The Children](#) has grown into a global network of more than two million young people committed to leading social change. Through its holistic and sustainable development model, Free The Children has built more than 650 schools and school rooms in developing regions, providing education to more than 55,000 children every day. Its health and clean water initiatives have empowered more than one million beneficiaries.

Through [Me to We](#), Marc and Craig are advancing a new vision of philanthropy that connects business to social purpose. Every year, Me to We reaches thousands of socially conscious consumers. It provides full-time employment to over 1,000 women artisans in Kenya, and has created a global market for their work through partnerships with leading retailers, including Nordstrom, Virgin and PacSun. Half of Me to We's annual net profit is donated to Free The Children, while the other half is reinvested to grow the enterprise and its social mission.



Through [We Day](#), a series of inspirational stadium-sized events, Craig and Marc connect with 200,000 students from 5,000 schools every year. These students earn their entry to the celebration through service programs. Past speakers and performers include Prince Harry, Richard Branson, and Jennifer Hudson. With more than 5 million followers on Facebook, We Day has become one of the largest charitable causes in the world.

Craig and Marc have authored 12 books, including the New York Times bestseller *Me to We: Finding Meaning in a Material World*. Their weekly columns are syndicated in over 30 newspapers across North America. Marc is the recipient of many honors, including the Order of Canada, and was selected by the World Economic Forum as one of 250 Young Global Leaders. He was also inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame for his humanitarian and youth empowerment efforts. His work has been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show, 60 Minutes, as well as in National Geographic, TIME, and The Economist.

Marc graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University with a degree in international relations. He won a coveted Rhodes Scholarship and completed a law degree at Oxford University. He has also received nine honorary doctorates and degrees for his work in the fields of education and human rights.



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