

# THE GOLDEN RIDGE RUN: A GREAT START TO THE AMF EDUCATION PROJECT

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The morning of March 18<sup>th</sup> dawned cool and clear for the run, which was a relief as there were severe thunderstorms the day before. Final preparation for the event began early that morning and we assembled to leave Bulyanhulu mine at 6:30 am. After dedication of the event to my mother, Agnès Floriet, the run started at 7:15 am near pump number 4 on the Bulyanhulu Pipeline road. I was joined by supporters from Barrick Exploration Africa (BEAL), Bulyanhulu Gold Mine (BGML), and Barrick Toronto, who participated by running, cycling, cheering or providing logistical/security support or a combination of all. As we passed through the villages members of the local community began to jump in and run/cycle with us.



There was a buoyant feeling to the event and a lot of laughing and talking could be heard over the sound of feet hitting the track, which made it easier to keep up a steady pace. Phone calls from friends and family to offer support and pledges were received during the run, which was fantastic and also helped us go the extra distance! At one point I looked down to see that alongside my running shoes I was surrounded by people wearing gumboots, flip-flops, steel-caps or no shoes. It was humbling to run with the community locals; some of the impromptu participants ended up running over 30 kilometers, without any prior training! The last 5kms was extraordinary as a group of school kids joined us and ran to the finish line clapping and singing the whole way.

Over the course of what turned into a hot, steamy morning, the 45.5km run took about 5.5 hrs to complete. After an opportunity to extend thank yous between Barrick and the community, The Golden Ridge Run ended with a lunch sponsored by SODEXHO, the Bulyanhulu caterers, and BEAL employees. 1000 people, including about 900 students went home on a full belly that day. The event went very smoothly thanks to the great support from BEAL security and logistics, and the community.



The run raised \$2,000USD for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Over \$5,000USD was collected for the school and over \$10,000USD has been pledged including offers of cement, bricks, and labour. I am really happy with the current results. The education opportunities that have been provided for local Tanzanian kids with these funds is wonderful. Wouldn't it be great if the school that the AMF Education Project supports sponsors the next President of Tanzania!

The next stage will include further fundraising events that may include auctions, climbs, golf drives, t-shirt sales. The ideas and pledges are still coming in, which is great. If you would like more details about the run and the project or would like to make a donation please contact me at [cfloriet@barrick.com](mailto:cfloriet@barrick.com) or visit [www.AMFEducationProject.org](http://www.AMFEducationProject.org)

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