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Run raises funds for Tanzanian education

Barrick senior geologist Claire Floriet is going the distance to help improve education in rural Tanzania near Barrick's Golden Ridge exploration camp. It's a way to continue the good work started by her mother, Agnès, who was a schoolteacher and sadly died of cancer in March 2007. Floriet completed an arduous 45.5 kilometer run on March 18, 2009 to raise funds for the Agnès Madeleine Floriet (AMF) Education Project. The funds raised will go towards building a school in a Tanzanian rural community, and sponsors also have the opportunity to fund cancer research foundations.

"My mother came to visit me in Tanzania in 2004 and found it wonderful to teach children who took such pleasure in learning," Floriet explains. "The children in these communities quite often have to walk over two hours to attend school. In some circumstances, children are not able to attend classes because they assist with the family farm or help to look after siblings. I'm honored to work for a company that has strong core values and actively supports projects that help bring infrastructure and educational facilities to the region."

Floriet's run began along Bulyanhulu's water pipeline road, continued across the Golden Ridge exploration area, and ended at the Nyaligongo Primary School, which is located near the exploration camp. The Tanzanian Exploration team and members of the community joined Claire at various stages of the run.



Claire Floriet, holding a photo of her mother, Agnès Floriet, prepares for the 45 kilometer race.

"The run was absolutely incredible," Floriet said. "It was humbling to run over 30 kilometers with people wearing gumboots, flip flops, or running in their bare feet. The community support was amazing and it was a great way to start the project."

Numerous Barrick employees made generous contributions to the Project. Over the next few months, additional AMF events may include auctions and a golf drive challenge. Employees from across Barrick have submitted terrific ideas, and Floriet is committed to seeing the Project through.

"This Project's goals are to provide the local community with improved educational opportunities and facilities, and also to raise funds to help find a cure for cancer. Running this race was the first step in realizing those goals."

If you would like more details about the run or the Project, please contact Claire Floriet at cfloriet@barrick.com or visit <http://www.amfeducationproject.org/>



Runners wearing gumboots and flip flops join Floriet at the run's 12 kilometer mark.



Members of the community run side-by-side with Floriet as she crosses the finish line.



Children celebrate and scream "Hongera!" which is Swahili for "Congratulations!"