

## Marlborough Subway fundraises for African children

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MARLBOROUGH — When Fabio Costa, district manager of Subway restaurants in Marlborough (on Boston Post Road West), North Grafton and Clinton, expressed an interest in doing something for underserved children in Africa, one of his employees, Bryan Stokes, said he knew how they could all help.

Stokes mentioned that his aunt, Amy Stokes, had founded an organization called Infinite Family, which connects video mentors with African students via the Internet. He knew it was a fantastic program and that donations were always welcome, according to the business.

An all-employee meeting was called at each store and they decided to pool their tips for a month and make a donation to Infinite Family. They also decided to place a large jug with a flyer with some information about Infinite Family near the register in case customers wanted to join the effort.

After one month, the proceeds exceeded \$2,000. Costa said he's proud of his employees and grateful to his customers, but he's not surprised. There was 100 percent agreement by the 37 employees to launch this campaign, which ran through May 9 at all three stores, according to the business.

"We do our best to hire employees who do the right thing, for our customers, our store, and for others who might be less fortunate than they are," Costa said. "Infinite Family seemed to strike a chord with employees and customers. We are all very pleased to be able to make such a nice donation."

The owner of the three stores, Dimple Desai, is supporting employees with a generous donation to Infinite Family as well.

"We are honored by this team's generosity and their incredible efforts to support the work of Infinite Family," Stokes said. "Their enthusiasm and energy for this project are amazing and the results are way beyond what we could have imagined. Knowing that 37 Subway employees 8,000 miles away are working hard to help them stay connected with their mentors makes our South African students very proud."

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