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# CHARITY RAFFLE

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### Pistorio Foundation



The beneficiary of this year's popular IEF Charity Raffle is the Pistorio Foundation, a non-profit organisation based in Vimercate (MB), Italy, founded in April 2005 by Pasquale Pistorio, former CEO of STMicroelectronics. Its mission is to improve education and living conditions for underprivileged children in developing countries.

To date, the Foundation has proudly sponsored over 20,100 school years across six countries, helped 696 students obtain professional school degrees, and completed 53 school and village infrastructure projects. Moreover, because the Foundation's operating and overhead costs are fully covered by its returns on capital, 100 percent of all donations go directly to projects benefiting underprivileged children.

### About The Foundation

Pasquale Pistorio was born in 1936 in a small Sicilian town in southern Italy. He grew up during the post-war era of reconstruction, witnessing the rise of the market economy, globalisation, and a dramatic expansion in technological innovation, economic growth, and quality of life for hundreds of millions of people.

At the same time, however, deep societal imbalances have persisted, with 8.5 percent of the global population, almost 700 million people, living on less than US\$2.15 per day, the extreme poverty line relevant for low-income countries (World Bank).

The urgent need to address and counter these disparities inspired the creation of the Pistorio Foundation, with the main goal of improving education for marginalised children and fostering social awareness. The Foundation seeks to mobilise individuals and institutions, including businesses, political and cultural organisations, public administrations, and governments, to work toward a world with greater social solidarity.

With 251 million school-age children worldwide unable to attend school (UNESCO), the Foundation, which has no political or religious affiliation, aims to support some of these children by ensuring access to quality education, basic healthcare, and nutrition. Additionally, it provides life skills training, health education, and career counselling programmes to complement academic learning.

By working with trusted NGO partners in the field, organisations with proven track records, experience, and a shared commitment to minimising overhead costs, the Foundation strives to maximise resources for the benefit of its students. Its ultimate objective is to help children reach their full potential, successfully enter the job market after completing their education, and break the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

The Foundation continuously assesses its progress and programmes, monitoring key indicators such as pass rates, student retention, teacher attendance and student-teacher ratios. It also works closely with local partners to identify challenges, such as reasons for student dropouts, and implement solutions to ensure better educational outcomes.

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**Funding Donations**

No matter how big or small, every donation to the Foundation's beneficiaries is precious. Moreover, because the Foundation's operating and overhead costs are fully covered by its returns on capital, 100 percent of all donations goes directly to projects benefiting underprivileged children in developing countries. These contributions make a real difference, helping to change lives and create a brighter future for those in need. For example:

**10 Euros**

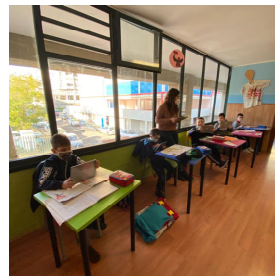
Provides school stationary for one child

**40 Euros**

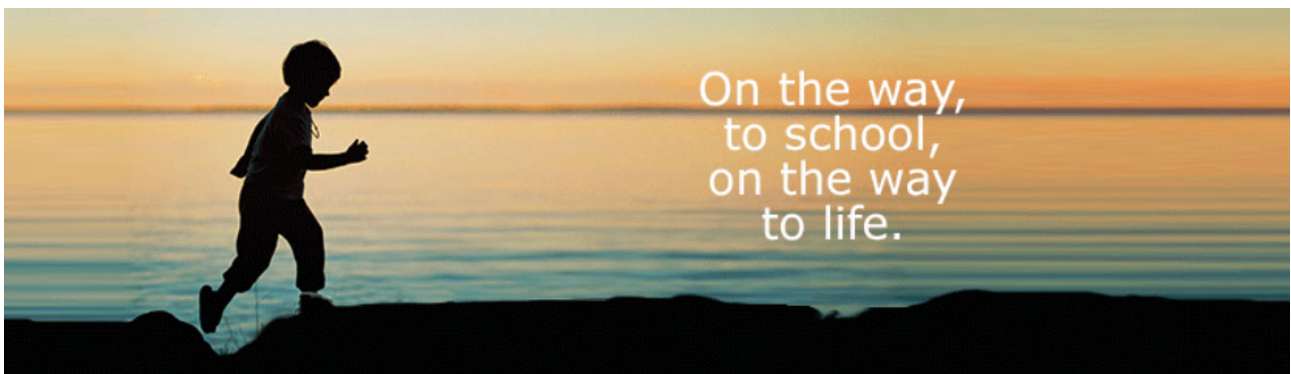
Provides a set of school uniforms (classroom and physical education)

**310 Euros**

Funds public school for one child for one year in Burkina Faso, covering school fees, meals in school, medical check-ups, and teacher training

**500 Euros**

Allows one child to attend non-formal education or an after-school learning centre with tailored educational activities for one year in Italy and Morocco



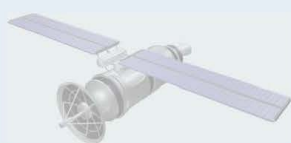


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**Malcolm Penn** is the founder and CEO of Future Horizons, with over 55 years experience in all aspects of the IT industry, from semiconductors to end-electronics equipment; advance research to manufacturing and applications together with an extensive network of C-level industry contacts. He has worked extensively throughout Europe as well as in the United States, the former USSR, Japan and Korea, and was an early pioneer of pan-European research and product development collaboration in the 1970s during his tenure with ITT Europe.

His wide range of experience includes brokering partnerships and helping firms develop their joint activity relationships. Prior to establishing Future Horizons, he held various operations, marketing and business development positions in the semiconductor and IT industry having worked his way through university as a professional musician.



**Mike Bryant** is Future Horizons CTO. With more than 45 years in the electronics industry, he is an experienced RF and analogue/mixed signal IC design engineer, specialist in providing IC design and consultancy services on hardware and systems design partitioning, software and digital signal processing design methodology and implementation. Recognising the convergence of many software and digital hardware design techniques, Mike was one of the first in Europe to use HDL and

logic synthesis exclusively for all logic design

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