



## Helping Children in Ethiopia

**Sponsored Walk and dinner – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 14:00h**

### Information for Participants

#### **Our Achievements to date**

Rainbows4children opened the Nicolas Robinson School in Mekele in September 2005 and has extended it every year. Today 1,800 children are studying in the School and now 7 years of our Grade 12 students have graduated and moved on to further education. The school has a strong emphasis on science as 75% of University places are in science and engineering and medical sciences.



**September 26<sup>th</sup> will be the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year that Dow Horgen** and its employees, families and network of friends have supported the event. To date, the events have raised a total of CHF 1,200,000, covering 12% of the project costs, hence supporting the education of disadvantaged local children for many years and ensuring the livelihood of many families.

#### **Our event targets**

- Exceed our result from 2025 of CHF 52,000!
- Find sponsors for at least 20 children (annual sponsorship costs of CHF 500). Details at the event or on request from Kathryn: [kwrlachen27@gmail.com](mailto:kwrlachen27@gmail.com) or [info@rainbows4children.org](mailto:info@rainbows4children.org)

#### **The Event**

- At 2pm, sponsored walk or run in the afternoon, representing the long distance that many children walk every day to attend school in Ethiopia.
- Register for the walk [here](#).



- From 15:30h onwards, in the canteen, there will be information about Ethiopia, sales of jewelry and greetings cards for sale and other attractions.
- Apero starting at 17:00h, dinner with entertainment, presentations, a short film about the school, a tombola with great prizes, music, and dancing.



### Participants

- Open to all, young or old, walkers or runners.
- Supporters are welcome to cheer for the runners and/or join the evening event.

### Food & drinks & BBQ dinner

- Dinner tickets are CHF 60 for adults (ages 13 and over) and CHF 30 for children (between 5–12 years inclusive) and need to be bought in advance. Children under 5 years of age, are free of charge.
- The dinner starts with an apero at 17:00h promptly. The main buffet will start at 18:00h
- Drinks can also be purchased during the afternoon and evening.
- Register for the dinner [here](#).



### Raising Sponsorship

- Runners or walkers contact sponsors several weeks before the event. As you confirm your sponsors please fill in the form attached. Sponsors may offer a fixed amount (“TOTAL Sponsorship”) or an amount per circuit run (“CHF per circuit”). Please give them an indication of the number of circuits you intend to complete.
- Sponsors can pay their sponsorship prior to, or after 26<sup>th</sup> September to the runner/walker or directly to Rainbows4Children. Please keep a careful record of sponsorship payments (column “Rec’d”). Runners and walkers can hand in the total collected sponsorship at the check-in desk during the event or send it after the event via bank-to-bank transfer.
- On the day of the run please register before setting off. At the end of your walk or run, report back to the check-in desk to have your form signed.



### The Course

- The runners / walkers set off individually or in groups starting between 14:00–14:30.
- The course is outlined on the attached map. Each circuit is approximately 4 km. Each participant can choose the number of circuits they wish to walk, run or jog.
- The route starts behind the tennis courts and is marked with red arrows. It follows a public foot path in the woods, runs along a small river, over a high bridge by a waterfall and through the Rietwies neighborhood. There are two road-crossings attended by marshals. (Small children are to be accompanied by adults.)
- One refreshment station is available along the route.

### Clothing and equipment

- Wear comfortable clothes and appropriate shoes for walking or running for a dry or wet day.
- Bring along a spare set of clothes and shoes for dinner if you would like to change.
- Changing and shower facilities are available in the Dow gym (follow the signs).





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