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EUGENE RESIDENT RUNS FOR EDUCATION IN MONGOLIA

Local Runner Seeking to Raise Awareness and Funds for Mongolian Schoolchildren

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Nathan Blair, a resident of Eugene, is running this year's Portland Marathon with a purpose in mind. After learning about how thousands of Mongolian children are dropping out of school because of lack of government funding he partnered with local non-profit organization, edurelief, to make a difference. Nathan is currently training for the October Portland Marathon, his second marathon, and is asking local community members and businesses to get involved by sponsoring his marathon to help raise money for edurelief projects.

Sponsorships for Nathan's race will be taken in the form of dollars per mile in \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$25 increments. Interested parties can commit to donating a particular amount per mile Nathan completes and all funds raised will go towards edurelief education projects. All donations are tax-deductible.

edurelief is a local, grassroots organization that was founded by an American doing humanitarian work in Mongolia. The organization was founded in 2006 in response to an issue that is affecting thousands of Mongolian children and their families. Due to economic decline in the country a lack of funding in the education system is forcing families to either purchase textbooks required for their children's education or have their children drop out of school. Because of low wages and high unemployment the cost of these textbooks, often the equivalent of a month's salary per child, is simply out of reach for many families. edurelief works with local school systems across Mongolia to provide these textbooks to the neediest families ensuring that every child receives their right of education and a brighter future.

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If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Nathan Blair, please contact him at 541.206.7635 or email Nathan at nathanklblair@gmail.com