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Press Release

CRC LECTURER RAISES £2,600 FOR STREET CHILDREN IN MARRAKESH

A Cambridge Regional College sports lecturer has raised £2,600 to help street children in Marrakesh after a “life-changing” visit to the city.

Rob Metcalfe was so moved by the plight of abandoned children he met there during a charity trip with CRC students that he pledged to raise £10,000 – and started the ball rolling with a charity night at Cambridge club The Place.

“It was a great night and we raised a fantastic £2,600 to help an orphanage in Morocco,” he said. “We were able to use the nightclub without any charge – which was very generous and meant all the money we took could go to the charity.

“We sold hundreds of tickets and the event was such a success that we are hoping to hold more charity nights at the club.”

Rob, who last year led a group of CRC trainee sports leaders on a week-long trip to Morocco to work with underprivileged children, said it had been a “life-changing experience”.

“I fell in love with the place and the students were really moved by the children they met; some of them had been picked up from the streets where their families had left them to beg,” he said.



Rob Metcalfe with students and street children in Marrakesh.

“The money we raise will provide vital shelter and education for the children. We will be taking another group of trainee sports leaders to Marrakesh later this year and I want to be able to hand over £10,000 to help the charities working there and make a real difference.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the eastern region. The College has more than 4,000 full-time and 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest work-based learning contracts in the Eastern Region.