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Creating a Better World

World Organization of the Scout Movement
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World Scouting contributes 33 years to humanitarian research in just one year!

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While millions of personal computers sit idle on office desks and in homes worldwide, hundreds of people contract and die from infectious diseases every hour. As screen savers run, millions die from hunger, or environmental disasters devastate whole communities. But it doesn't have to be that way and one year ago World Scouting took up the challenge!

In August 2007, during the 21st World Scout Jamboree, the World Organization of the Scout Movement launched its partnership with World Community Grid. Our common goal is to create the world's largest public computing grid to tackle projects that benefit humanity. Scouts having computers with good access to the Internet are encouraged to sign-up as members of the 'SCOUTS' team created on World Community Grid, contributing their computers' unused processor cycles to the global effort.

During the first year of this partnership, more than 300 Scouts worldwide have joined our SCOUTS team on World Community Grid. In just one year their computers have contributed over 33 YEARS of processing time to humanitarian research projects! These span diverse areas of scientific research: Nutritious Rice for the World, Help Conquer Cancer, AfricanClimate@Home, Discovering Dengue Drugs ? Together, FightAIDS@Home and Phase 2 of the Human Proteome Folding Project. As more Scouts sign-up their computers to help this global effort, more research can be undertaken.

World Community Grid's work has developed the technical infrastructure that serves as the grid's foundation. Hundreds of thousand of volunteers around the globe are donating some of the time when their computers are on but not in use. World Community Grid is harnessing this unused power to help advance promising humanitarian research projects. Results on critical health issues have already been achieved, demonstrating World Community Grid's potential to make significant inroads on a great range of future projects that can benefit the world.

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