



Supporting the communities in which we operate

The QBE Foundation strives to contribute to the communities in which we operate to help people overcome disadvantage, strengthen their abilities, and live more independently, successfully and productively. With a focus on staff volunteering in community-based initiatives, the QBE Foundation has made a positive impact in our communities throughout the year.

GROUP SHARED SERVICES CENTRE

Students and typhoon survivors

Almost 100 QBE Group Shared Services Centre employees joined in the 2014 Servathon corporate volunteering day organised by Hands On Manila Foundation, Inc., which featured classroom makeovers and mural painting at Manuel Roxas High School and solar light making at the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training centre. QBE's participation at the event helped more than 3,000 of the school's students, some of whom are from the community's impoverished families. The refurbishment also helped the school's 180 faculty and teachers by providing better classrooms, while the solar light kits made by the volunteers benefitted the survivors of Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan).



EUROPE



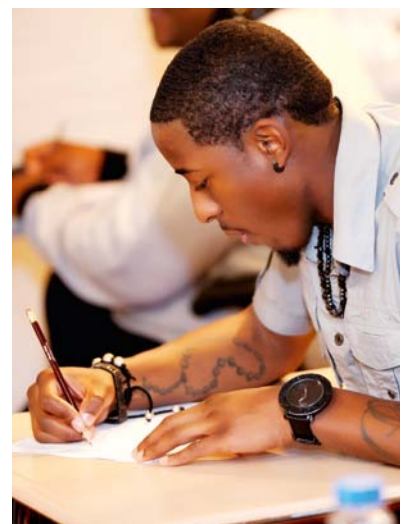
Supporting nurses and patients

QBE employees in the UK came together during 2014 to support the 'Fund a Nurse' campaign for Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan provides vital support services for people affected by cancer, including Macmillan nurses who offer a lifeline for those in need. Through the efforts of the QBE Foundation, the QBE team raised enough to fund a Macmillan nurse for two years. Macmillan was chosen by employees as the Charity Partner of the Year, and through the partnership and donation-matching program, employees have raised almost £120,000.

NORTH AMERICA

Building career skills

The QBE Foundation is helping homeless youth in New York and Atlanta through a grant of US\$50,000 to Covenant House, which provides shelter and services to homeless and at-risk youth. QBE employees have been directly involved with the organisation - visiting Covenant House in New York, where they participated in mock job interviews with a group of young Americans and by sharing career advice and networking tips.



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

Indigenous communities

For five years the QBE Foundation has supported Jawun, an Australian Indigenous corporate partnership organisation. Through our partnership, QBE employees have played an active role in improving the lives of Indigenous people around Australia by supporting their communities over six-week secondments. In Western Australia, our people helped to develop procedures to promote a safe working environment and best practice in supporting the Kimberley Land Council and the Bardi Jawi Rangers. Our team has also provided the Nyul Nyul Rangers on the Dampier Peninsula with IT training and business planning for eco-management.



EMERGING MARKETS – ASIA PACIFIC

Across the generations

The QBE-MILK Scholarships for students at the Republic Polytechnic tertiary institution in Singapore have compounding community benefits. Scholarship students not only receive financial support from the QBE Foundation – they also collaborate with our staff on community service projects. In 2014, 17 scholarship students and over 70 QBE staff members, families, friends and agents spent a day at the Republic Polytechnic with a group of elderly people from SunLove Marsiling, a senior activity centre, delivering fun-filled activities and entertainment devised to encourage healthy living.



EMERGING MARKETS – LATIN AMERICA

Encouraging positive parenting

The Caminitos de Luz Foundation in Ecuador provides high quality education for children in low-income families. It built and operates a school in the town of Nueva Esperanza, which aptly means 'new hope'. QBE employees have participated in the 'School for Parents' program, including giving talks to parents of the school's children about human values, family economics and social development.



GROUP HEAD OFFICE

Challenging stereotypes through sport

The QBE Group Head Office team participated in the Special Olympics Sports program in November 2014, enabling adults and children with an intellectual disability to experience a day of fun and for many, a rare opportunity for sports inclusion. The ultimate goal of the Special Olympics is to allow athletes to reach their full potential, and to transform attitudes through sports participation.



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It was exceptionally rewarding to spend a day with the participants at the Special Olympics. We were able to experience first-hand what the QBE Foundation is all about - helping people feel included in their community.”

John Neal