

# Give-A-ton Marathon for

PLEASE GIVE TO SUPPORT

Small Steps to move..on

<http://www.smallstepssf.org.uk>

**SmallSteps**  
SCHOOL FOR PARENTS

The local authority has asked Small Steps to vacate their present premises at Greenhead School by December at the latest. They don't know where they are going and /or if they will be able to carry on.....so we need your help!



Hi,

Before you close this e-mail thinking that it's just another 'give me money' kind of letter that's been forwarded to loads of people, please give us a chance and read this short letter.

Yes, we do try to fund raise, but this time we're trying to do it differently.

WE DO NOT ASK FOR MONEY (unless you want to give us some)

but **Please** we ask you

to **look** around your home

**give** us those special items

(clothes, bags, shoes, **children toys**, equipment, **children clothes,toys**, furniture and other popular Ebay items) which 've been in your cupboards, wardrobes, basements, garage for a long time although you/your child have

**hardly/never used** it.

We will sell these items to make money for **Small Steps**.

First all items will be available on our 'premier' online

shop <http://giveatonmarathon.shops.pipfrog.com>

where friends and family can have a look and bid (with fair offers).

To pay for the items (or simply make a donation) we will ask everyone to use

<http://www.justgiving.com/give-2011> where the money can be tracked and sent straight to

**Small Steps**.

If they do not sell by 10<sup>th</sup> October we will put them on eBay, and hope that someone will like them.

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All money will go to **Small Steps** to help them move and continue their outstanding work. Why them? Because they are friends and friends of friends. It would be the saddest thing, if they couldn't carry on helping all those families in need. They give them (so much) hope by teaching life skills to disabled children and teaching the parents to be able to teach their children.

I (Agi) work as a teacher at Greenmead Special School (beautiful Venus class) and Matthew (my husband) is a fine artist. I know how difficult it can be to raise a child with special need, therefore I understand the need for charities like **Small Steps**.

**Small Steps** supports parents and their special needs children in their first few years often before they can join to other organized and appropriate educational settings. These early years are critical not only for the children but to their parents alike. Many parents with special needs children feel helpless and isolated from organized children activity groups as they don't get enough help with their children and they find it extremely difficult to help them to join in as well.

So we've decided to run a Half-Marathon to help raise financial support for **Small Steps**. The 'Run to the Beat' 13.1 mile run in London takes place on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. For us the physical challenges of running 13 miles will be over in a few days (hopefully). For the members and the staff of **Small Steps** more and more challenges appear every day. Departing from Greenmead School, finding a new building, covering the expenses of possible building work and at the same time keep up with their present work and keep the vision alive in everyone is far more challenging.

[Thank you for reading this letter till the end and considering helping in some way.](#)

Please forward this e-mail to everyone who you think might want to or might be interested in supporting us and many children and their families with disabilities.

We look forward to hearing from you and your friends and family

Agi Palinkas , Matthew Burley and Samuel Burley (1yr old)

who supports his running parents by sleeping till

7.30 am on Sundays!! (sometimes)

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