

## Atom A's "Break Their Piggy Banks" for Haiti

So it happened like this....My family and I were watching the devastation that had taken place in Haiti just as I am sure many families were at the time. There were many locker room discussions about the horrible effects on families and lives lost. On the night of one of the telethons my daughter Alex and I made a donation to the cause as a family as many other families have done as well. Alex proceeded to bring down her piggy bank and empty it in front of me saying "I want to give this just from me" after hearing all the talk I couldn't help but think this is a wonderful opportunity to show our children the true meaning of giving to others that by the Grace of God could have been one of us. If my Alex wanted to do this I was sure that other children were feeling the same way. I have visited the region in Haiti where the devastation happened and was touched by the warm people living in such dire situations.

I then sent an e-mail out to the coaching staff to see what they thought about giving our girls a chance to experience what having a global conscience means. Mike Burke the head coach was very supportive and thought the idea would be excellent for our girls.

I was lucky enough to have the welcome assistance of Jana Lee Lynde in gathering up the money from the girls. Needless to say everyone was very generous and giving and once again I sense that these young girls understanding the world they live in is one of helping their neighbour even if they are thousands of miles away.

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