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Kids for a Better Future Helps the Coalition

By Marisa Butler

Kids for a Better Future (KBF) set out to learn the issues surrounding homelessness in New York City and in February chose the Coalition as the organization to benefit from their volunteer and fundraising efforts.

In May, they organized a walk-a-thon in Prospect Park, raising over \$3,000. They made and sold tee-shirts emblazoned with the slogan "Am I Homeless?" Walking around the inner loop of the park, they enthusiastically chanted and drew people's attention to the cause.

In the past few months, KBF has met with children from our Bound for Success after school program, traveled around the city with our Grand Central Food Program mobile soup kitchen, and are currently helping prepare for our annual school supply drive, Project: Back to School. They will continue to help us throughout the remainder of 2010.

The Kids for a Better Future looked



to prove that they are concerned about the world around them and have the power to change it. Founder, Akash Viswanath Mehta, believes that all kids are deserving of good homes and the tools to lead happy lives. He affirms that anyone, especially kids, has the ability to help solve today's problems.

In less than five years, KBF has traveled around the world working on a myri-

ad of issues related to poverty and injustice. They have raised tens of thousands of dollars and spent hundreds of hours getting to know each problem in depth.

The enthusiasm and dedication that the kids of KBF have shown towards Coalition programs has inspired all of us. If you would like to get involved with KBF, please contact Akash at akasukmeh@yahoo.com.