

# a little CRC...

## Amara's Youth Sponsorship Journey...

The NCRC was proud to provide a modest financial contribution to the travels of our 2015 youth sponsorship recipient, Amara Sinclair-Hill. Amara is a student of the French language and travelled to Paris and Italy with her mum and grandma late last year.

Their journey included Paris, Strasbourg, the Swiss Alps, *"My great uncle's family live in Tirano and we stayed with them for a few days. They took us sightseeing and cooked us some of the traditional dishes of the area. One day I had gelato (ice-cream) 3 times in the day. We also went to Old Tirano and neighbouring villages."*

Pictured right: The first time Amara saw snow was from the train through the Swiss alps.

Amara enjoyed taking photos and has created a captioned slideshow which the NCRC hope to share with the community at a future event.



Northcliffe CRC's Youth Sponsorship program has now helped 7 different Northcliffe kids to achieve their dreams with 8 separate financial sponsorships, totalling \$3,275 (plus additional non-financial support). We plan to do more in 2016 and are talking with Northcliffe District High School about the best way to involve the kids. As well as

Tirano, Venice and Rome.

Amara was blessed with a view of the Eiffel tower and Statue de la République from her Airbnb apartment. Other sights of interest included the Strasbourg Cathedral, the Bristol Hotel, Alpine Lakes, Saint Moritz and Murano Glass.

encouraging kids to think about the future, the sponsorship helps teach them to write a project proposal, make and follow a budget, sign a contract, and then to find ways to thank their community for the support they have received.

We think Northcliffe kids, with their very own sponsorship scheme, have a great future!

### Stop Your Windows 7 Automatically Updating To Windows 10

In the view of the writer Windows 7 has the most logical and consistent interface of all of the main operating systems you can run on your computer. There's no space here to tell you why I don't like Windows 8 or Windows 10. Suffice to say that at the Northcliffe CRC we run Windows 7 and will continue to do so for some time to come.

Microsoft is pushing very hard to force Windows 7 users to update to Windows 10 and, unfortunately, their tactics are getting increasingly aggressive and underhanded.

Windows 10 has been reclassified by Microsoft as a 'Recommended Update' which means that if your settings are 'Install Recommended Updates Automatically' then you could

be updated to Windows 10 **against your wishes**. Some users report waking up one day to find their computer running Windows 10. A nightmare you can't wake from!

We recommend you leave Windows updates turned on, however install a software tool called GWX Panel to stop noxious Windows 10 adverts and updates. Downloaded this free software:

[ultimateoutsider.com/downloads/](http://ultimateoutsider.com/downloads/)

"Download Installer" is the first link on the top right. Install and click the various options. This free software attempts to block the upgrade attempts. While there is no guarantee Microsoft won't find its way around this, it works—for now.

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