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ONE TUTOR.
ONE STEP AT
A TIME.**



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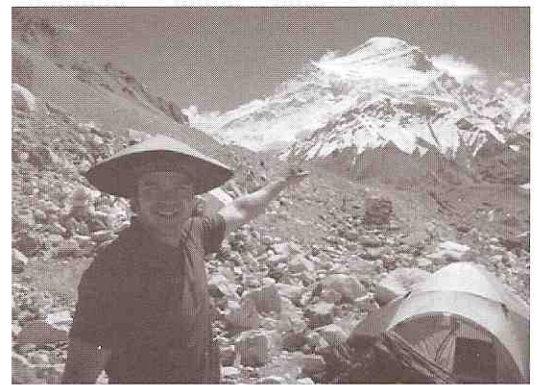
Making Strides with Our Students

Climb for Kids: Turning Stumbling Blocks Into Stepping Stones

Former Specialized Language Development (SLD) Center student and mountain climber Bo Parfet “stepped up” this summer at the Bronson Athletic Club to raise funds for three local charities: the Bronson Health Foundation, the Kalamazoo Nature Center and Specialized Language Development Center. He chose these charities due to their focus on helping kids overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams.

Bo used the StepMill® and Precor™ AMT fitness equipment to simulate a climb of Mt. Manaslu in Nepal, which at 26,781 feet (8,163 meters) is the world’s eighth tallest mountain. Classified as a professional ski mountaineer, Bo has traveled the world while conquering the Seven Summits (the highest mountains on every continent).

He plans to climb Mt. Manaslu in September. Check the SLD Center Facebook Page for updates on Bo’s climb as well as details regarding Bo’s upcoming book signing event to be held at the Kalamazoo Barnes and Noble in conjunction with the SLD Center.



The SLD Center wishes Bo all the best as he sets out to conquer Mt. Manaslu.

Bo is truly an inspiration to the students we serve!