Disney Promotes Responsible Supply Chain Through Licensee Assessment Program

Ethical production of Disney-branded merchandise is an important focus of the Company's overall citizenship efforts. One way we promote a responsible supply chain is through the implementation of a program that assesses potential Disney licensees before we begin conducting business. By doing so, each licensee is evaluated on how well it can manage labor standards within their respective supply chain before they are granted approval to produce Disney-branded products. This program - developed with Social Accountability International - is now fully integrated into Disney's North American and Southeast Asian licensing operations. Given the program's role in supporting Disney's mission of fostering safe, inclusive and respectful workplaces, the Company is expanding it to additional consumer product licensing regions that produce Disney-branded products. To learn more, click here.

Disney Conservation Fund Supports Wildlife Around the World with Annual Grants

The Disney Conservation Fund (DCF), Disney's grant-making program focused on protecting wildlife and connecting kids and families with nature, has supported wildlife and habitats from around the world since its inception in 1995. As the Fund celebrates its 20th anniversary, it recently announced 104 projects that will receive a 2015 wildlife conservation grant. With this year's support, the DCF has reached a new milestone, distributing more than $30 million to date through its annual conservation grants. Click here to read more about the funded projects.

Disney Hosts Southern California Supplier Diversity Summit

Diversity and inclusion are integral to Disney's growth and viability, and we are committed to reflecting the multiculturalism of our consumers around the world. This is true not only for our content, but also for the way we conduct our business and operate our supply chain. This summer, our Supplier Diversity team hosted nearly 100 minority-owned, woman-owned and veteran-owned enterprises for one of our three annual Supplier Diversity Summits. Read more here.

Disney VolunteARS Promote Empowerment and Inclusion in 2015 Special Olympics World Games

The Walt Disney Company, along with ABC and ESPN, has long supported Special Olympics, celebrating the idea that sports can promote social inclusion and acceptance. As a Founding Champion alongside ESPN, the official broadcaster for the World Games, Disney welcomed athletes and coaches to Host Town celebrations in Los Angeles, brought together VolunteARS representing 15 countries as part of our Global Service Project, and cheered on athletes as “Fans in the Stands.” Read more about our efforts here.

Disney's Supply Chain Investment Program Announces New Grants

Disney's International Labor Standards Supply Chain Investment Program recently awarded new grants to support innovative projects around the world. The newly funded programs will help further our commitment to create scalable, long-term improvements in working conditions globally. Click here to read about the grants and the work they are doing to address systemic labor issues in global supply chains.