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Welcome to the Autumn 2012 Edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

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The Big Give Christmas Challenge!



Although it may feel like Christmas is long way away, it is time to prepare for the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2012.

This is an opportunity for StareheFuture to maximize the benefits of your donations. Donations made online on Thursday 6th, Friday 7th, and Saturday 8th of December from 10am will be matched by up to **50%** by the Big Give Charity Champion Fund. So for every pound donated online StareheFuture will receive an extra 50p. The matched funding is available on a first come first served basis, and the funds usually run out after 2-3 hours, so make sure you make the donation as close to 10am as possible.

Last year we raised a phenomenal £55,000 from the challenge thanks to our trusted and generous supporters and we hope to reach our target of £50,000 again this year.

To find out how to take part in the Big Give contact Malin on 0207 9346930 or send an email to malin.rosenkvist@starehe.org.

StareheFuture 'Thank You' Reception 2012

On the 11th of October StareheFuture had the pleasure of welcoming some of the our major donors and supporters to a 'Thank You' Drinks Reception at the Shell Centre in London.



The event was very generously hosted by Mr John Bullock, Vice-President of Shell Retail and a keen supporter of the Starehe Centres in Kenya, on behalf of Shell UK.

Starehe UK Chairman Paul Whitehouse updated the guests on the latest developments at the centres and highlighted how important the support from the UK is for the schools' long-term future. Raffaella Taylor-Seymour from The Marianne Foundation very generously presented Starehe UK with a cheque of £3,000 which will go towards a sponsorship at the Starehe Girls' Centre.

Guests included representatives from Citi Foundation, International Produce Limited, Arup, The Marianne Foundation and individual major donors as well as alumni from Starehe Boys' Centre and Starehe UK Trustees.

We here at StareheFuture would like to say a big thank you to The Marianne Foundation, Shell and all our supporters who attended the event.

Pictured Raffaella Taylor Seymour from the Marianne Foundation and Paul Whitehouse, Chairman of Starehe UK.

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International Produce Limited Giving Starehe Students a Chance to Flourish

For the second consecutive year International Produce Limited (IPL) is offering two students from Starehe Girls' Centre the fantastic opportunity to take part in a post-secondary internship with their suppliers in Kenya.



IPL is the leading Fresh Produce importers in the UK, managing all fruit categories exclusive to Asda.

Interviews were held on the 9th of October with a panel of four IPL representatives and five shortlisted candidates. According to the panel conducting the interviews all the candidates showed aptitude, ambition and confidence and it was a very difficult decision to make.

After much deliberation IPL has now announced Esther Wasilwa and Carolyne Muisyo will be given the chance to participate in the internship program with IPL suppliers.

will help them gain valuable experience and a good understanding of the mechanisms behind large scale food production.

We would like to congratulate Esther and Carolyn and thank IPL for giving the girls this fantastic opportunity!

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A New Generation of Fantastic Fundraisers!
Rainbow 'Scotathon' raises over £500 for StareheFuture



1st Horsell Rainbows are all aged five and six and they have been learning about the UN's Millenium Development Goals. They have been trying to understand what it is like to go to school without any breakfast; have no shoes (a quick poll suggested they had 5 pairs each!); how in other countries they might have already been married at 15 and not be going to the "high school" but staying at home looking after a family.

The Rainbows agreed to take on the challenge to scoot round Brooklands community park race track 10 times to raise money for children who are less fortunate then them and they set out on their venture with a goal of raising £250 for Starehe Girls' Centre.

The challenge took place on the on the 4th of October and through hard



work and determination the girls completed their challenge with great success and exceeded their target with more than 100% as they raised over £500!

Thank you for your extraordinary efforts all 1st Horsell Rainbows!

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Students from Starehe Girls' Dazzle Audience in Macclesfield!

Six students from Starehe Girls' – Grace, Faith, Yusun, Brenda, Margaret and Elizabeth - led by their music teacher Moses Maneno, took part in a celebratory concert in Macclesfield Methodist Church to mark the 10th anniversary of the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust.



MDMT was founded in 2002 by Martyn's family following his tragic death aged 30. Martyn had been the Music Volunteer at Starehe Boys Centre from 1996 to 1998. One of the Trust's aims is to recruit and fund the music volunteers at both Starehe Centres.

The present volunteer at Starehe Girls', Jamie Munn has been helped prepare the students for the concert and he also took part himself. The students began their programme with some traditional Kenyan folk songs arranged by their teacher Moses. Throughout the performance their vitality and talent shone through and there was no

doubting the capacity audience's ovation after each piece! Two of the girls played piano solos and after that the students returned to the stage for three tribal dances introduced by the leader of each dance. These were a fitting climax where again the teamwork and commitment of the students was clearly demonstrated.

On behalf of the Starehe Centres, StareheFuture would like to express our gratitude to Martyn Donaldson Music Trust for helping Starehe develop the music departments and giving long-term support to the schools.

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A Give As You Live Day with Shell

On a bright autumn day StareheFuture organised a Give As You Live Open Day at the Shell Centre.

The joint forces of StareheFuture and Give As You Live encouraged all Shell staff to support StareheFuture, by asking them to sign a pledge to download Give as you Live and raise £50 for the charity when shopping online. Over 60 pledges were signed and hopefully this will leverage much needed income for the Starehe Centres, especially with Christmas around the corner.

With Give as you Live thousands of stores will donate a percentage of whatever you spend online to the charity of your choice. This is a great way for everyone to get involved, without taking up any of your time or indeed spending any extra money. All you need to do is shop online!



To find out more go to <http://www.giveasyoulive.com/starehe> or contact Malin on 0207 9346930.

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Planting a future for the NEXT Generation

Throughout the month of July NEXT Flowers donated 10% of the purchase price of the charity bouquet of the month to the StareheFuture Appeal.

NEXT's fundraising through charity bouquets has proven very successful but unfortunately the fundraising initiative was slightly hampered by the suspension of deliveries to central London post codes for three out of the four weeks of the promotion.

Despite this obstacle StareheFuture raised over £3,000 through the 2012 Flower promotion and we would like to thank all of you who bought the flowers and our partners who helped us promote the initiative including Shell, Round Square, Wellington College, Martyn Donaldson Music Trust, The May Fair Hotel, Eclipse, Kosmopol, Parenting without Tears, Railway Arms and many more.

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Citi Bank Supporting Starehe Girls' Centre



For the third year consecutively Citi Foundation has agreed to sponsor 40 students in their final year at Starehe Girls' Centre.

The girls at Starehe are between 14 and 19 years old and represent all ethnic groups and regions in Kenya. 100% of the students come from impoverished, if not destitute, backgrounds and the continued support from Citi Bank and Citi Foundation is invaluable to the students as well as to their families and communities.

Primary education is free in Kenya but secondary education is not. Therefore the girls desperately need the first-class education that Starehe Girls' Centre offer free of charge. The call for wider access to secondary education in Kenya has prompted the government to increase the school places at secondary schools around the country and each Starehe Centre is looking to increase their intake with 40 extra students. With an increased intake of 40 additional form 1 students per year at each school the support from Citi Foundation is particularly welcome.

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Our special thanks go to the following companies, Trusts and individuals for their support during the last three months:

Donations

1st Horsell Rainbows
Citi Foundation
NEXT Plc
Nicky and Eileen Barber Charitable Settlement
Oil Aid
The Marianne Foundation
Windlesham

For hosting events

Shell UK

We would also like to thank those other private donors and Trusts who have chosen to remain anonymous.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

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On behalf of Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres, StareheFuture would like to thank you for your support during the last three months of the Appeal. Please do get in touch if you would like one of our general or schools fundraising packs! Registered Charity No: 1035323

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