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## Welcome to the 2013-2014 Edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

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### **The Late Joseph Gikubu and founders remembered** **55<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day and remembrance memorial**



The 55<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 at Starehe Boys' Centre with his Excellency Hon. Mwai Kibaki C.G.H, Former President of the Republic of Kenya and Dr James Mwangi, CEO of Equity Bank attending as guests of honour.

This Founders' Day and memorial was particularly pertinent as the Late Joseph Gikubu the last surviving member of the three founders, passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014. The event remembered and thanked Joseph Gikubu alongside the other two founders Geoffrey Griffin and Geturo Gatama.

To honour the founders and to mark the Starehe community's appreciation of their work and vision, a memorial was unveiled in the morning of Founders' Day. This memorial not only marks the founder's immense impact in creating the Starehe Centres, but also acts as a point of inspiration for the future Starehe community with the words: "Happy are those who dream and pay the price to make the dreams come true."



### **The Big Give Christmas Challenge** **StareheFuture raises over £64,000 in the last two Big Give Christmas Challenges**

StareheFuture continues to grow on its success in the Big Give Christmas Challenges. This is an online fundraising initiative where donors can help the charity access matched funds by making an online donation during specific dates and times.

Recent successes include in December 2012 a fantastic total of £54,741.60 raised and a further £10,000 in December 2013. The phenomenal achievements were thanks to our very generous supporters including: Oil Aid, Bailcast, Arup, Rumi Foundation, Edgar Harborne,

Madrinha Trust, Robert Francis QC, Sir Peter and Lady Meryl Walters, Tim Faithfull, Lawrence Mbugua, Frank & Fiona Bibby, Beryl Duncan, Julian and Theodora Stanning and all of you who took part. We would also like to thank our charity champions ICAP and Reed Foundation.

We are truly grateful for your support and for making the previous Big Give Challenges such a fantastic success!

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### **Our next Big Give Christmas Challenge** **We need your help to raise our £3,000 pledge target to gain access to the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2014**

We are delighted to let you know that StareheFuture has been selected to participate in the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2014.

StareheFuture's donations will be matched by a combination of our generous supporters and our Big Give Charity Champion! We are aiming to raise **£3,000** in 'pledges' from our supporters, which will

then combine with a potential **£3,000** from our Big Give Charity Champion - to enable us to match up to **£6,000** in online donations in December.

At this stage, we are simply asking you to pledge now to help match these online donations in December. Then in January we will let you know how we got on in December and ask you to fulfil your pledge, either online or offline.

If you would be able to help us with raising our pledge target, please simply fill out our pledge form by Friday 24th October at:

<http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/pledge/stareheuk>

We would love for you to be involved in our Challenge by making a pledge before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October to enable us to match online donations in the 2014 Big Give Christmas Challenge on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Please note that if you pledge to StareheFuture at this stage you will not be able to make an online donation to us during December.

You can find full details of the Christmas Challenge, and how your pledge will enable us to be a part of the UK's largest Matched Funding Challenge, on theBigGive.org.uk.

As with previous challenges this is great way to make donations earn further money and we would be grateful for your support again this year.

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**NEXT Flower Charity Bouquet 2013**  
**StareheFuture blooms with the Charity bouquet of the month.**



In October 2013 StareheFuture was the recipient of the NEXT Flower charity Bouquet with 10% of the total cost of each bouquet going to Starehe.

This was the fifth consecutive year that Starehe was the beneficiary of the NEXT flower charity partnership raising a fantastic amount of over £7,000.

The partnership with NEXT Flowers has grown from strength to strength with the most recent charity bouquet sales generating the highest yet.

Many thanks to all who bought a NEXT charity bouquet and helped achieve this great total. A special thanks to NEXT Flowers for their continued support of the Starehe Centres.

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**Fundraising walk for Starehe Girls' Centre**  
**The Starehe Girls' Centre walks to funding success in their annual fundraiser.**



On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June Starehe Girls' Centre and the Riara Group of Schools held a charity walk to raise money for the Girl's Centre.

The walk took place in the stunning setting of Ngong Forest wildlife sanctuary. The event involved many participants including staff and students from both Centres. The walkers were accompanied along their way by a marching band consisting of musicians from Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres.

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Citi Foundation



**Citi Foundation support**  
**For the fifth consecutive year Citi Foundation supports 40 students in their final year at Starehe Girls' Centre.**

All of the students at Starehe Girls' Centre 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.

The grant from Citi Foundation supports the students in the crucial final year of their studies as they work towards their KCSE exams.

The students who received the Citi Foundation's support in previous years, through their hard work, have all gone to pass their KCSE's with grades sufficient to gain entry into Universities and to continue their further studies.

We're sure you will join us in thanking Citi Foundation for their long-term support and wish the 40 recipients of the grant at Starehe Girls' Centre the best of luck in their final year of studies.

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### **Gwyneth Forrester Trust Places**

#### **Two new endowment places are set up at the Centres thanks to the Gwyneth Forrester Trust**

The Gwyneth Forrester Trust awarded a very generous donation which will be used to create two new forever bursary places at the Centres. The places will be established at Starehe Boys' Centre and Starehe Girls' Centre in perpetuity.

The Trust's donation will have far reaching affects well into the future. Every four years some of the brightest yet disadvantaged students from Kenya will be allocated one of the bursaries. Besides a first-rate education, they will

receive the benefits of a supportive environment including 3 meals a day, 365 days a year, school uniforms and shoes, sports kit, extracurricular activities and housing in dormitories in the care of full-time house parents.

The students will come from every corner and every ethnic group, from urban slums and rural poverty. When they leave the Centres they will act as powerful role models for other children and contribute to the development of their communities and country.

We thank the Gwyneth Forrester Trust for their generous donation and we wish all the students who benefit from the bursaries the best of luck for their bright futures.

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### **Cycle for Starehe**

#### **Ryan Searle and his team cycles from Manchester to Blackpool to raise money for Starehe Girls' Centre.**

On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 Ryan Searle (pictured centre) and his team consisting of Nicholas Stansfield and Clive Davenport completed a 63 mile sponsored bike ride from Manchester to Blackpool to raise money for Starehe Girls' Centre. Their efforts raised a fantastic £693.75.

Ryan was a music volunteer at Starehe Girls' Centre with the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust. Whilst at the Centre Ryan helped found the Starehe Girls' Centre band. On returning back to the UK to resume his musical appointments in the North West of England, Ryan continues to support the work of the Centre.

Ryan is an enthusiastic performer, teacher, arranger and composer, regularly working throughout the UK. He has performed extensively as a band member for touring shows such as Blood Brothers and Cabaret, as well as working in various West End theatres.

We congratulate Ryan, Nicholas and Clive on their successful bike ride challenge and thank them for raising such a great amount of money for Starehe Girls' Centre.

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### **Starehe Boys' Centre musicians perform in the UK**

#### **The students delight audiences in Macclesfield**

Twelve students from Starehe Boys' Centre band visited the UK for a week and performed in Macclesfield Methodist Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The lucky audience was treated to the very talented performers who were brought to the UK by the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust.

The visit builds on the strength of the music talents of students at both of the schools where the Trust supports music teacher volunteers from the UK.

In 2013 the musical talents of students of Starehe Boys' Centre were rewarded when they emerged as the best Boys' School nationally in the annual Kenya Music Festivals.

In the same year, Starehe Boys' Centre in conjunction with Starehe Girls' Centre performed the musical FAME. The show attracted many visitors. To build on this success, the schools will collaborate again this year to perform another musical together.

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**Starehe now on Just Text Giving**  
**New ways to give to Starehe**



You can now give to Starehe through Just Text Giving. This service allows you to make donations via your mobile phone by simply sending a text message. To donate via your mobile phone, please text STAR38 followed by a space and a pound sign (£) with the amount to telephone number 70070.

The amounts available to donate are £1, £2, £3, £5 or £10 and will be added to your phone bill. The charity will retrieve the donation from the network supplier. You will receive an immediate donation confirmation and don't forget to add gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.

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**News from the StareheFuture Office**  
**Farewell Malin and welcome Michael**

Michael Burton has filled the role of Charity Coordinator since February 2013 following Malin Rosenkvist.

Michael takes a recently revised position on a two day-a-week capacity. He looks forward to continuing to work with our many supporters and updating you on future events.

Malin is now working at Book Aid International and we thank her for all her splendid work with the schools and the charity and wish her great success in her future career.

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**Thank you from StareheFuture!**

On behalf of Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres, StareheFuture would like to thank you for your support. Please do get in touch if you would like one of our general or schools fundraising packs. We are happy to answer any questions so please do not hesitate to contact us.



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