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Welcome to the Winter 2011-2012 Edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

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Women of the Future Awards



HRH The Princess Royal meets candidates for the award in the Arts, Media & Culture category at the Women of the Future Awards 2011

For the third consecutive year, Starehe was chosen as the beneficiary of the raffle at the Women of the Future Awards, held on the 16th of November 2011. HRH The Princess Royal, a keen supporter and admirer of the Starehe schools and Guest of Honour at the event, gave an inspirational speech about the Starehe Centres to an audience of some of Britain's most successful young women. Cherie Blair, HRH Princess Badiya bint El Hassan, Miriam Gonzalez-Durantez and Lord & Lady Fellowes of West Stafford were among the guests attending the event.

The proceeds of the raffle came to almost £6,000 and The May Fair Hotel very generously matched the money raised with a gift in kind of a luxurious stay at the hotel. The funds raised will support a lifetime scholarship at Starehe Girls' Centre and will enable young Kenyan women to improve their lives and prospects through education.

Our especial thanks to Lord & Lady Fellowes of West Stafford, The May Fair Hotel, Jimmy Choo, Shell, Dorsia, Boujis, Sanctuary Spa, 10500Hair, Smithfield Bar & Grill, Hobbs, Wagner & Bond, Iceberg, and Zizzi Southbank who generously contributed with fantastic prizes for the raffle.

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New Students Begin their Starehe Journey

Senior Students show the new Form I boys their new home at Starehe Boys' Centre



The start of the year is always a very busy and exciting period for the Starehe Centres as new students arrive at the schools from all over the country. 252 boys and 120 girls are about to embark on their Starehe journey.

The new students arrive in a steady stream throughout January from across each of Kenya's eight provinces. Some students have travelled a long way to get to the schools and the means of transport are often less than comfortable. In many cases

students travel in cramped minibuses, on the back of motorbikes or even by foot to report to the schools and take up their secondary education.

Starehe has an astounding reputation as a beacon of education and promise in Kenya. The admissions policy is very strict and the places have been filled through a very rigorous process based on academic achievements and need. The Boys' Centre received 20,000 applications for the 252 new places and the Girls' Centre received over 12,000 applications for 120 places. StareheFuture would like to send our best wishes to the staff and students at the Starehe Centres in Kenya and a warm welcome to the new arrivals.



As the new students are settling in the former Starehe students, who completed their secondary education in December 2011, are awaiting their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exam results. The KCSE permits entry to public university in Kenya and last year 95% of the Starehe boys and 100% of the Starehe girls qualified for post-secondary education or vocational training. Most of the students sat their examinations in November 2011 and the KCSE results are published in March 2012. We are all awaiting the results with anticipation!

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The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2011

StareheFuture maximizing donations via the Reed Foundation's Christmas Challenge 2011

We are delighted to announce that the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2011 was a major success. We exceeded our target of £50,000 and this is thanks to the persistence and patience of all of you who donated despite the fact that the Big Give website crashed on the first day of the challenge. We truly appreciate your support and we are looking forward to a fruitful 2012 where our combined efforts will make a difference for the development and future of Kenya.



A big Thank You to Bailcast, Wendy & Mark Bostock, Robert Francis QC, Philip Hillman, Oil Aid, Ove Arup Partnership Charitable Trust, Jennifer & John Scardino, Westfield School and everyone who took part in the challenge.

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Smartboard Donations Facilitate 21st Century Learning at Starehe

The Starehe Centres benefit from new technology in the form of interactive whiteboards

Access to up to date technology is imperative for the continued success of the Starehe Centres and their students. On the 23rd of November 2011 Smart Technologies and Intersol introduced new interactive



Smartboards at a ceremony at Starehe Boys' Centre. Three new interactive boards have been donated to Starehe, one to the Girls' Centre and two to the Boys' Centre. Intersol will also provide training for teachers to help them maximize the benefits of this new exciting technology. Isaac Kinyanjui, one of the senior teachers at Starehe Boys' Centre, is seen demonstrating one of the Smartboards at the 'unveiling' event (pictured).

Although the schools provide free places to the majority of their students, the Centres rank in the top 10 secondary schools in Kenya and are keen to compete with the most advanced and distinguished private schools across the nation. The interactive whiteboards will provide the students with essential skills needed to play an active role in an increasingly technological and interactive world. A big thank you from everyone at Starehe to Smart Technologies and Intersol.

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International Produce Ltd Supports Tomorrow's Agricultural Leaders through Groundbreaking Internships for two Starehe Girls

Candidates for the two IPL internships pictured with Adriaan Sieberhagen of International Produce Limited and SGC staff



International Produce Limited (IPL) is providing two Starehe girls with the opportunity of a lifetime through a pilot internship programme. IPL is one of the leading Fresh Produce importers in the UK managing all fruit categories exclusive for Asda.

Ten SGC candidates with interests in the agriculture and farming industry were interviewed as part of the application process for the two places, an invaluable experience in itself!

The paid internships will give the girls an opportunity to gain exclusive training, experience and understanding of the different sectors of food production. The program involves four mentorships that will give a holistic understanding of the industry; from production and packing to finance, trading and retail. The initial six months of the internship is based in Kenya and after that the girls will spend an additional three months in the UK and work with the trading section based in Normanton, West Yorkshire.

Congratulations to the two successful candidates, Winnie and Lynephone, who have applied for university courses in Agricultural Economics and Business. The internships will provide an excellent foundation for their continued studies and careers.

We would like to thank IPL and its employees making this possible and for presenting the girls with this fantastic opportunity.

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Winners all around at Starehe Girls' Centre Golf Fundraising Event
77 happy golfers taking part in an enjoyable round of golf in aid of Starehe Girls' Centre



The very successful Windsor Golf Day took place in November. The golf competition was followed by a reception at the Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club in Nairobi who generously hosted the event. The gold sponsor was Barclays Bank of Kenya, represented by the Guest of Honour Mr. Edgar Kalya, Head of Distribution and a former student at Starehe. Margaret Wanjohi, Regina Mitheu and Matthew Nyangwesu supported the event on behalf of staff at Starehe Girls' Centre, while four students Rachael, Margaret, Sharon and Yuson were busy raising funds by selling raffle tickets. The event was raised £7,500, enough to pay for fees and boarding for ten students for one year. We would like to say an especial thanks to Mr. Eddie Day for organizing such a fabulous event.

Kenya Shell, Chandaria Foundation, Charitis Insurance, Eagle Insurance, Heritage Insurance, Ketepa, Nation Media Group, Southern Sun Mayfair and AON Minet and many more sponsored the event and made it a fun and triumphant day for golfers, guests and above all for the future students at the school!

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Fundraising Day for StareheFuture at Westfield School in Newcastle
Fun and games in aid of Starehe Girls' Centre



The sports hall at Westfield School in Newcastle on the 23rd of November 2011 was a hive of activity. Girls of all ages were busy organizing the stands and activities for the StareheFuture Fundraising Day. The StareheFuture Team was delighted with the number of imaginative and creative ideas that the students had devised. It wasn't long before the teachers, enthused by their students' energy, joined in the fun. Students and staff were invited to engage in fundraising in some of its finest forms: from dance challenges and dart throwing to collecting pennies and having a complete makeover in the shape of face painting.

Westfield School did a fantastic job of ensuring the fundraising day was packed with fun challenges, all in aid of Starehe Girls' Centre. The school has been supporting the Starehe Centres for many years and the StareheFuture Appeal would like to take this opportunity to thank the school's students & staff for their support and dedication in raising funds for and awareness of the Starehe Centres.

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Changes in the UK Office
Ashleigh Thompson (top left) with students from Westfield School on their fundraising day for StareheFuture in November 2011

As the Appeal moves into its second stage of long-term communication and fundraising, StareheFuture would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to our Fundraising Assistant Ashleigh Thompson. Ashleigh has left StareheFuture Appeal to go on to new ventures in her fundraising career. She is looking to continue her work within the charity sector, focusing on organizations dealing with southern Africa.

For any correspondence previously directed to Ashleigh please contact the Appeal Coordinator at malin.rosenkvist@starehe.org.

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On behalf of Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres, StareheFuture would like to wish you all the very best for 2012 and 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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