

## Welcome to the Spring 2010 edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

### BREAKING NEWS – KCSE RESULTS RELEASED!

We hope you will join us in congratulating all of last year's Form 4 Stareheans on the recent news that they have passed their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams with flying colours!

Both schools excelled, with Starehe Boys' Centre coming second in the country and top in Nairobi province, and with three of the Starehe girls ranked in the top 100 nationally. In particular our congratulations go to Beatrice Anyango Ogolla who came third nationally in Kiswahili, and to Oduol Frederick Constant who came top in Nairobi province!

### Daily Telegraph Appeal raises a fantastic £161k!

The Daily Telegraph Christmas Appeal officially drew to a close at the end of January, and we are very pleased to announce that the Appeal raised £160,731.20 in total for Starehe! This fantastic amount will provide one Daily Telegraph lifetime scholarship at each school, as well as helping to build an urgently needed kitchen and dining room at the Girls' Centre and helping to secure a sustainable source of electricity at the Boys' Centre.

A huge thank you goes out to the Daily Telegraph for giving us this fantastic opportunity, and to all those individuals who donated through the Christmas Appeal. If you missed the articles it's not too late, they can still be found on the [news page](#) of our website.

If you would like more information about the work that we do please don't hesitate to **contact Lucy:**

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Starehe student Oduol Frederick Constant celebrates coming top in Nairobi and 4<sup>th</sup> nationally, March 2010 (photograph courtesy of Capital News)



Starehe UK Trustee John Rushton and Appeal Director Helen Varma show off the cheque, February 2010 (photograph courtesy of the Daily Telegraph)

## **Starehe Boys' Centre welcomes Matthew Kithyaka as new Director**

The end of 2009 saw the long-awaited appointment of a permanent Director at Starehe Boys' Centre – Matthew Kithyaka. Mr Kithyaka has worked in the field of education for over 25 years, including 15 years heading up the President's Award Scheme (the Kenyan equivalent of the Duke of Edinburgh Award).

The emphasis Mr Kithyaka places on leadership and community service embodies the very culture and ethos upon which Starehe Boys' Centre was founded. We wish him the best of luck in his new role.

To see the Press Notice announcing Mr Kithyaka's appointment as Director of Starehe Boys' Centre, please follow this [link](#).

## **A New Beginning!**

The new academic year is now in full swing at both Starehe Centres. The newest students arrived on 4<sup>th</sup> January from all over the country, clutching their acceptance letters and all their earthly belongings, and no doubt excited about the opportunity represented by a new life at Starehe.

Just one month later, and with the help of their new Starehe brothers and sisters, the students have settled in well, looking smart and healthy in their blue and red uniforms, and have wasted no time getting stuck into their studies and extra-curricular fun.

## **Women of the Future Awards 2009 raise an incredible £4,000 in one night!**

On November 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 StareheFuture was granted the privilege of being the benefiting charity at the *Women of the Future Awards* in London. This prestigious event, created and hosted by Pinky Lilani OBE, was held at the Marriott Hotel and the evening proved to be a great showcase for Starehe, in particular Starehe Girls' Centre, raising awareness among luminaries such as Cherie Blair and Princess Zahra Aga Khan.

We are very grateful in particular to those companies who very generously donated prizes for the occasion, and to all those who bought raffle tickets on the night. Thanks to their support we were able to raise just under £4,000! We are putting these funds towards the new kitchen and dining facilities at Starehe Girls' Centre and we will keep you posted on this project's progress.



Mr Matthew Kithyaka has been welcomed as Starehe Boys' Centre's new Director



Form 1 students are settling well into their new life at Starehe



Pinky Lilani (front middle) and award winners at the *Women of the Future Awards*, November 2009 (photograph courtesy of Caspian Publishing)

## Are you up to the challenge?!

During the remainder of 2010 there will be an array of challenge events taking place throughout the country, from triathlons and half-marathons to cycle challenges and plenty more. There is something for everyone, and we would love to hear from any individuals or groups who might like to participate and raise funds for Starehe in the process. Please get in touch and we will be happy to send you one of our **fundraising toolkits**.

We are also looking to work with schools throughout the UK on fundraising initiatives that can offer fun and engaging extra-curricular activities for students. If you know of any schools that might be interested in helping out please get in touch and we will send you a **schools fundraising pack**.

To find out more about these and other ways you can help support the Starehe Centres, whether it be in your school, work, or home environment, please contact Lucy to discuss your ideas.

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Our special thanks go to the following companies, trusts and individuals for their support during the last three months: **Bailcast Ltd; Barclays Premier League; The May Fair Hotel; Oliver Valves; The Constance Green Foundation; The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators; The Worshipful Company of World Traders; John and Ruth Lucas; James Puxley; and Julian and Theodora Stanning.**

We are also extremely grateful to the following for their donation of a beautiful selection of raffle prizes: **Benefit; Hanna Marie Hutchison; Hobbs; Janet Reger; Living Ventures; Missoma; Sandstorm Kenya; The English Cheesecake Company.**

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



Get in touch now to request one of our fundraising packs!

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**On behalf of the Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres, the StareheFuture Appeal would like to thank you for your support**

***We would like to wish the BEST OF LUCK to those running for Starehe in the Brighton Marathon on 18<sup>th</sup> April. If you'll be in the area we hope you will come along and support!***



A selection of raffle prizes on display at the Women of the Future Awards, November 2009

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