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Welcome to the Winter 2010/11 edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

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New Form 1's arrive at Starehe Centres

The New Year heralds a fresh start and presents us all with a clean slate to achieve our goals. For 120 girls and 240 boys, January 2011 marks the beginning of a journey of a lifetime, as children arrive at the Starehe Centres from all corners of Kenya. This year saw an increase in the intake for both schools, due to a request from the government, as

the number of disadvantaged and bright students in Kenya continues to exceed the free secondary school places available. This means your continued support is more important than ever to give these disadvantaged young people a passport out of poverty.

As you read this, the new students are settling into the 'Starehe way' and look forward to contributing positively to the development of their communities and Kenya.

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HRH The Princess Royal welcomes donation to Starehe Centre

On the 15 December 2010, global consultancy Arup pledged £30,000 of support for the StareheFuture Appeal. This contribution will secure two free places for pupils at the Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres in Kenya. The Directors of the schools, Matthew Kithyaka and Margaret Wanjohi, joined guests by video link from Nairobi- certainly a first for a Starehe event and quite possibly for charity events in general.



During the visit, generously hosted by Mr. Philip Dilley, Arup chairman, at their headquarters in London, HRH The Princess Royal thanked Starehe's current supporters, and commented: *"The quality of the education – the academic standards are extremely high, and the reputation of the young people coming from the Centres is also very high. But it's not just the academic standard that makes them stand out...It's the whole life experience of the Centres that makes such a difference."*

Announcing Arup's contribution to StareheFuture, Mr Philip Dilley said: *"As a global business committed to sustainable development and acting in the greater public interest, education is top of our agenda. We are delighted to be supporting the provision of first class educational support to children who would otherwise go without"*

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Starehe Girls' Centre borehole up & running

The physical geography of the site of the girls' school presented considerable challenges to the development of infrastructure. The elevated site of the Girls' Centre meant that water pressure from pipes was non-existent. Until recently, sometimes water had to be brought to the school by tanker. This was not only expensive, but insufficient and unsustainable. The good news is that as a result of StareheFuture's generous donors, the borehole at the girls' school is now up and running. As a result Starehe Girls' Centre now has its own safe water source for drinking, cooking and cleaning. Water supply,

sanitation, hygiene and health are crucial to the schools' success. We are delighted that future generations of Starehe girls will benefit from improved hygiene and sanitation.

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The Big Give

A BIG thank you to all our supporters old and new who donated to the StareheFuture Appeal during the Big Give Challenge. You helped us raise £60,000 from the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2010.

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Starehe Future Dinner at Thomas Goode, October 2010

Thomas Goode, represented by Chairman Mr Rumi Verjee, very kindly hosted a private dinner for current and potential supporters of the StareheFuture Appeal. HRH The Princess Royal attended the dinner as the guest of honour and told guests about her Starehe experiences. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Verjee and Thomas Goode for their generosity.

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Women of the Future Awards 2010

The Women of the Future Awards are held every year to celebrate the achievements of young women under 35. Almost £5,000 was raised and it was put towards the urgently needed new kitchen, dining room and laundry at Starehe Girls' Centre. Our very special thanks to: **Kenya Airways, Sarova Hotels, May Fair Hotel, Sandstorm Kenya, L.K Bennett, Hobbs London, Shell, Coco Rose, Nails Inc London and Cisco** for donating fantastic prizes.

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JOOAL Benefit Evening

On the 17th November a benefit evening in aid of the StareheFuture Appeal was hosted by bespoke jewellers JOOAL, Mayfair. The event was an opportunity for old and new supporters of Starehe to meet. Since its first pieces became available in the Harrod's Fine Jewellery Room, JOOAL has built an enviable reputation as the destination for beautiful, rare and coloured gemstones. Many thanks to Faisal and Mita Joo for hosting the event, and for donating 10% of the proceeds of all sales on the evening to the Starehe Future Appeal.

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Thank you DHL

We would like to take this opportunity to thank DHL for shipping stationery, musical instruments, towels and trainers to the Starehe schools in Kenya for FREE! To survive, and to keep providing free education to those who would otherwise miss out, the Starehe schools rely on the support of individuals and companies. DHL Key Account Manager Grant Cross commented: "We were very happy to respond when Shell asked for our support; it's impossible not to admire what the Starehe schools are doing for the children of Kenya."

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New team member at StareheFuture

We would like to welcome Ashleigh Thompson, who took up the position as the StareheFuture Appeal Fundraising Assistant on the 1st December 2010. Born and bred in Zimbabwe, Ashleigh graduated from the University of Cape Town and the University of the Witwatersrand with a B.Soc Sci (Honours) in Social Development and an MA in Development respectively. Ashleigh has spent time working with non-profit organizations in South Africa and Ethiopia before joining the Bishop Simeon Trust, UK where for two years running she successfully organised 'The Race Against Time', an annual cycle challenge from Land's End to John O'Groats raising money for HIV/Aids projects and programmes in South Africa. Ashleigh has a keen passion and interest in social and economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa and looks forward to supporting Starehe's fundraising activities in the UK.

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

- **Mr Robert Francis QC & Ms Alison Meek**
- **Oliver Valves Ltd**
- **Bailcast (for supporting once again)**
- **Arup**
- **Mr & Mrs John Rushton,**
- **Mr & Mrs Bhupesh Shah**
- **DHL**
- **SERP+Project Team**
- **PwC**
- **Mr & Mrs Scardino**
- **The Reed Foundation**

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

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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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