

Welcome to the Summer 2010 edition of the StareheFuture Newsletter!

BREAKING NEWS!

US Vice-President's wife visits Starehe Girls' Centre

On 10th June during a brief visit to Kenya, Dr Jill Biden, wife of US Vice-President Joe Biden, took time out from a busy schedule to visit Starehe Girls' Centre, meeting Director Margaret Wanjohi and sitting in on an English class.

Dr Biden was impressed by what she saw, saying: "This is all about empowering young girls. And today, they've inspired me."

Click [here](#) to watch the video of Doctor Biden at Starehe Girls' Centre; you can also read about her visit on the White House blog page, click [here](#).

Buckingham Palace opens its doors to StareheFuture

The summer season kicked off to an exciting start for Starehe, with a private dinner for around twenty supporters in the Queen's private dining rooms at Buckingham Palace, in the presence of our guest of honour HRH The Princess Royal. Her Royal Highness, as a long-term supporter of Starehe, engaged and motivated guests with her personal enthusiasm for the Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres. We are also extremely grateful to the Centre for Young Musicians (CYM) which provided a string quartet for the evening, and whose music complemented the stunning surrounds of the Palace perfectly.

This is the third StareheFuture event HRH has generously attended as guest of honour, and we remain grateful for her ongoing and invaluable support.

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

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Dr Biden visits Starehe Girls' Centre and sits in on an English class with the Director, Margaret Wanjohi



CYM students Anna, Eorann, Charlotte and Aidan outside Buckingham Palace after playing for guests of StareheFuture, including HRH The Princess Royal

Charity scrum at London Rugby Sevens!

We were delighted to have been granted a fantastic opportunity in May to make a charity collection at the London Rugby Sevens at Twickenham, where some 30,000 rugby fans gathered to watch teams from sixteen different countries compete.

Thanks to the enthusiastic and committed efforts of a number of our treasured volunteers in the scorching heat, and with the generosity of the spectators, we were able to collect a fabulous £1,350 for the Starehe Centres! This could pay for a student's fees and board at Starehe for two years, which includes all their food and clothing as well as costs for their education and medical care, so thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

The Muthaiga Country Club welcomes friends of Starehe

During a recent visit to Kenya, StareheFuture organised a small reception at The Muthaiga Country Club outside Nairobi, generously sponsored by **Kenya Airways** and hosted by Mr Nick Muriuki, Chairman of the Muthaiga Club and a member of the Managing Committee at Starehe Boys' Centre.

This event was a wonderful opportunity to gather together a number of individuals within Kenya who share an interest in the Starehe Centres, and to spread the message about what we hope to achieve through StareheFuture in the UK. A number of Starehe alumni were able to join in the proceedings, including Julius Kipng'etich, Director of Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), who gave an inspiring and emotive speech about his time at Starehe, and emphasised the important role the schools play in providing a brighter future for many young promising Kenyans.

Shell staff take a chance to win!

Shell employees were in for a treat in April as we were lucky enough to be donated some highly sought after Arsenal goodies by Arsenal FC, to be raffled off in Shell's London headquarters. The prize consisted of two full corporate hospitality tickets to the team's last game of this season at the Emirates Stadium, plus a team photograph and pennant, all signed by this season's Arsenal squad.

A huge thank you goes out to the Barclays Premier League and Arsenal FC for their donation of these fabulous prizes, as well as to all Shell staff that took part and the Shell African Network (SAN) for their

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Success against the odds

Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres are more than just extraordinary schools, they are also a home, a place where children who arrive barefoot and underfed have the chance to turn their raw potential into aspiration and success.

The bridge from poverty to achievement is education, plus a unique culture of mutual respect and responsibility nurtured in Starehe pupils from day one. Students take an active part in running their school and they study hard, aware that they are the fortunate few upon whose shoulders so much rests.

These are the students who will pull their own families and communities out of poverty: the next generation of leaders who will help to shape the future of Kenya.

They are a little or a lot like you.

Thanks to enlightened support
Starehe gives bright but impoverished young Kenyans a chance to become high-achievers of integrity and purpose.

Could you help?
Could you make a donation to fund a free place for a boy like Duncan?
Could you recommend the StareheFuture Appeal as your company's Charity of the Year?
Or do you have fundraising ideas to share with us?
If so, please call Lisa Robinson, on 020 7924 7022 or email: lisa.robinson@starehe.org
Alternatively, visit www.starehe.org to find out more or to make a donation online.

The StareheFuture appeals to fund generosity supported by Shell, which is funding essential R&A infrastructure costs. Registered Charity Number 1000333

RFU Chosen Charity
Collection on Saturday 2nd May 100m-3.30pm

Meet Duncan
Former Orphan Specialist

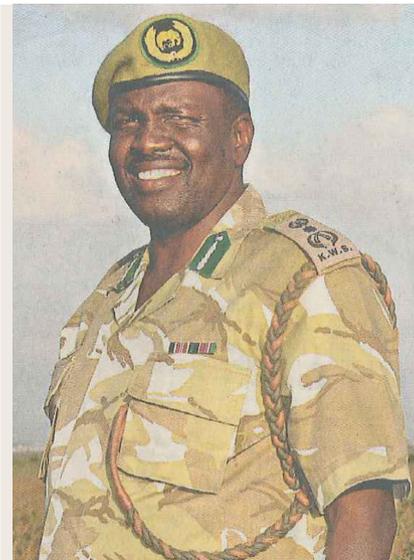
"Starehe means so much to me. I have learnt how to be responsible in all aspects of life, to work hard and be disciplined, and now I have direction for the future."

Duncan, aged 17
Duncan is an orphan, raised by his grandmother. His grandmother struggled to support Duncan and his brothers on her meagre income. Duncan is one of the 'lucky' ones who thanks to the help of a family friend, was able to secure a primary education. Hard work and self-discipline earned him a place at Starehe.

Now this hardworking and focused young man is determined to become an aviation engineer. Inevitable fellow pupils with his dedication to his studies, "I want to render services to many nations" says Duncan, "to know more of the world and to make it in life".

For this, he could have no better preparation than Starehe.

StareheFuture enjoyed a day at the London Rugby Sevens, and raised £1,350 in the process!



Mr Julius Kipng'etich, Head of KWS, spoke passionately about his time at Starehe Boys' Centre (photograph courtesy of Daily Telegraph)



Meu-Ling Lau (middle) celebrates her winning ticket, picked by Ebenezzer Ademisoye of SAN (left, in Starehe uniform) & Lucy Fisher of StareheFuture (right)

participation. In the process those involved helped raise £1,200 for Starehe!

Congratulations, too, to the winner Meu-Ling Lau who won the prize and enjoyed an all expenses paid day out at the Emirates Stadium on 9th May!

Marathon runners celebrate success in Brighton!

We are feeling ever-indebted to our three incredible athletes who ran 26.2 miles in the sunshine on 18th April in the inaugural Brighton Marathon! All three runners achieved impressive times by anyone's standards. It was an unforgettable day, with a great atmosphere and an excitable crowd who turned out in droves to show support for the runners.

Sadly our Appeal Manager, Lisa Robinson, was unable to run as a result of the volcanic ash cloud that left her unable to leave Nairobi on her intended flight; she will, however, be running the Amsterdam Marathon in October instead, so all is not lost! Altogether the runners raised more than £3,800, which is an incredible fundraising effort! Thank you to those who signed up to run for Starehe and helped raise such a staggering amount – and to those who generously sponsored them – your contributions will have a real impact on the Starehe Centres. Watch this space to sign up for next year's Brighton Marathon, and other sporting challenge events in the meantime!

Supporters unite to make their donations go further

It's amazing what you can do when you put your mind to it! Thanks to the personal efforts of a number of individual supporters recently, we are delighted to see some of our consortia giving real momentum to fundraising here in the UK. Groups set up by two ex-Shell employees have enjoyed particular success, and those are Eddie Day's Consortium and Glyn Halliday's 'Jambo Starehe' group.

The money raised by these groups will go towards making urgently needed improvements to the laundry, kitchen and dining facilities at Starehe Girls' Centre and towards endowing one lifetime scholarship, respectively. A huge thank you to all those who have taken part. If you think you would like to set up your own consortium – however large or small - just get in touch and we would be more than happy to discuss how you can go about it.



Neil Scotney, an ex-Starehe student, is pictured before running an incredible 26.2 miles for StareheFuture. Thank you, Neil!



The kitchen at Starehe Girls' Centre, pictured, will see vast improvements thanks to the fundraising efforts of our cherished supporters

PLUS!

*May also saw the presentation of the first ever **Feuer Citizenship Prize** at Starehe Girls' Centre. The winner was **Veronica Nzemi Muli**, who was voted by her fellow students as the most **honest, loyal, respectful and hardworking member of the Starehe Girls' Centre community**. The remainder of Veronica's school fees will as a result now be covered by **Mr Jonathan Feuer**. We would like to say a big thank you to Jonathan Feuer, and our congratulations go to Veronica for winning this fabulous prize, which will be presented once a year.*

Our special thanks go to the following companies, Trusts and individuals for their support during the last three months: **Arsenal FC; The Nicky and Eileen Barber Charitable Trust; Barclays Premier League; The Energy Institute; Donald Forrester Trust; Edgar and Joan Harborne; International Produce Ltd; Simon Murray; Elizabeth Peacock, Master of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen; The Rugby Football Union; The Umbrella Tree Trust; The Vardy Foundation; The Westminster Dining Club**

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

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

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