

# The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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This year we had our largest team to date in the **London Marathon** with 7 **WAVES** runners. In addition to our regular 5 places we had carried forward one place from 2010, with Ann-Louise bringing her own place. Andy, Jonathan, Simon, James, Donna, Ann-Louise and Susan raised an amazing **£16,380** inclusive of gift aid, our best total yet. Our team of 5 for 2012 includes Gareth, Suzie, Paul, Jess and Tyroan. To support the team you can find the links on the **WAVES** website.



For the first time we had a team in the **BUPA London 10K**. Iain, Jon and Tomas raised **£1156** and enjoyed a post run picnic lunch in a sunny Green Park. Jon is recruiting a larger team for this fun event in 2012. Two student sponsors have raised substantial funds for university and school fees; Adam Greener with his Chelsea to Everton cycle ride and Richard Jones by running the Sydney marathon. Gimyana Malek kindly chose to support Waves in the Royal Parks Half Marathon, raising a welcome **£412**.



Sue, Kate and Margaret ran in the **Adidas Women's 5K Challenge** in Hyde Park and met Jon and Malcolm afterwards for the traditional "picnic in the park". It was Kate's 10<sup>th</sup> run so we celebrated with well deserved champagne. Kate and Sue raised **£418**. This event is cancelled for 2012, Olympics year, but we hope it will return for 2013.



We have continued to be fortunate to be offered assisted flights by **British Airways** and so in March all 3 Trustees travelled to Kenya particularly to meet our sponsored students, to review projects and to meet the new Director of Ruben Centre, Br. Frank O'Shea. With five of our secondary students receiving their KCSE exam results and hoping to continue to tertiary education, and more students already in tertiary education, it was important to meet with them to discuss their progress and aspirations. We are exceedingly grateful to the Community Relations team at BA for providing this support to **WAVES** without which our annual visits to Kenya would simply not be possible.

The students in our **Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to do well with 9 Mukuru students now in tertiary education. Judy is in the third year of her degree in Economics and Statistics at Nairobi University, Sarah is in her second year for her degree in Environmental Studies at Pwani College in Kilifi, and Kelvin is now reading for a degree in Horticulture at Egerton University. James A, Benta and Dennis will complete their studies next year in Hotel Management, Business Administration, and Electrical Engineering respectively, while James M and Peter are working for their accountancy qualification (CPA). Nancy has just begun her training as a Clinical Officer at the Kenya Medical Training College. 2 students qualified for University in the KSCE '10 exams and 5 more took their KCSE in November. One student remains at school. At **Ruben** our first student has passed his KCSE and is looking for a college course, the second took his exams in November and 5 students remain at secondary school.



**We are seeking 2 new Secondary Education sponsors for 2012. The cost is £325 pa (£260 with Gift Aid) for 4 years. A tertiary course costs £600 pa for 3 or 4 years. Part sponsorships for example £60 pa (£45 with Gift Aid) would be welcome as several of our students have no sponsorship at all.**



The annual **Mukuru Kerrigan Challenge Cup Final Day** is a day of fun and celebration for the pupils of the 4 Mukuru schools and the Street Children Rehabilitation Centre. Congratulations to St. Bakhita's for winning both the boys' and the girls' matches. The girls' final went to a nail biting penalty shootout. For next year we will reintroduce the **Fair Player** award to be named after Patrick Oboya, who won the award at the first tournament in 2000 and now plays football professionally in Europe and for his country.



Amongst our “**WAVES** Scholars” from **Starehe** Dennis is in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of his 6 year University course in Architecture and Peter in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year reading Telecommunications and Information Engineering at Jomo Kenyatta University. Peter recently celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and his graduation ceremony for his IT Diploma with distinction, studied for at Starehe College. Young Joab has just taken his KCSE exams and hopes to study engineering. He has enjoyed being wicket keeper in cricket and goalie in football while at Starehe. News from our 2 graduated students is that Jamleck has found accountancy work while John is studying while looking for a new contract.

In March we visited Langata West Primary School with the **AFEW education team**. We last visited the school in 2006 after it had been funded for microprojects relating to the AFEW environmental science teaching workshops. The children turned out en masse to greet us and to enthusiastically show us their new kitchen garden and extensive tree planting. Langata West is an AFEW ‘model green school’ and an excellent example of the impact that can be made when the project is well implemented and the whole school community involved. AFEW has continued to develop and use the Monitoring and Evaluation programme (M&E) to assess school microprojects co-sponsored by AFEW and **WAVES**. The results show that the scheme is influencing schools and communities to live sustainably. The vision is to create model green schools in each region of Kenya.



**The Ecology Trip scheme**, run by **AFEW** on our behalf, gave **894** children from the Mukuru and Ruben schools, the Street Children Rehabilitation Centre and Starehe School a fun day out learning about, and sometimes feeding and touching, Kenyan wildlife. One youngster wrote afterwards “*Waves made our dream of visiting the most educative places come true*”. Another praised the lunch as being ‘*very tasty and my stomach was full that day.*’ We again supported the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust** with funding towards a keeper’s salary and field trips into Tsavo National Park for 100 schoolchildren living in the vicinity of the Park.

This year we received a very generous donation from **The Grant Foundation**, specifically targeted to give children a **memorable and fun experience**. Using these funds, we have been able to finance both the Scout Troop at the Ruben Centre and the Troop at the Street Children Rehabilitation Centre for a whole year of events at camps and on visits. Of course all the scouts were thrilled by their experiences and one of the street boys wrote in thanks “*It was such a wonderful experience that I thought could never come in life we were treated like a child from a rich family.*” **WAVES** was very fortunate to be chosen as one of the smaller charities to benefit from the new GAYE scheme at The Entertainer toy shop chain. The monthly donations are already making a real difference to our income. We are very grateful to Gary Grant, owner of the Entertainer, for both of these opportunities.



The staff of **Stirling Dynamics** in Bristol has continued their mainly cake themed fundraising for **WAVES** this year enabling us to support the new Ruben Guide troop with a most enjoyable day out at the Nairobi Show.

This has been an exceedingly good fundraising year particularly considering the poor economic climate in the UK. Our income for the financial year ending July was £32649 and our expenditure £26860 providing **£5789** much of which will be needed for tertiary education fees in 2012. As always **WAVES** funding was targeted at well run projects designed to give best long term value to Kenya’s needy children and its environment.

We would like to thank all our friends in Kenya who made us so welcome and facilitated our visit. As always, our **very big thank you** to everybody in Kenya and in the UK who have given their donations of time and money, energy and support to **WAVES** projects – we definitely could not do any of this without you - we thank each and every one of you for helping us continue to “make **WAVES**”! We are looking forward to celebrating **WAVES**’ 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July 2012.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful Year 2012

*Hugobert*

*Mahesh*

*Joab*

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