

The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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CHRISTMAS 2017 – OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

All 3 Trustees travelled to Nairobi for an 8 day visit in April. One main purpose was to meet our sponsored students and our graduates. 30 of our further education students and graduates joined us in 4 separate groups for a meal and a chat at our hotel over a happy weekend. Their age range was 18 to 35. Several of the graduates now have family of their own but still value being part of the Waves family. The 35 year old, an Old Starehean, is we believe the first Waves graduate to own a car. We noticed that the car was packed with his fellow Stareheans as it left the hotel.



At the **Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre (MIRC)**, where homeless boys choose to spend one year in a rehabilitation programme, a team from the **WAVES** funded Scout Troop have progressed to the National Scout Patrol Finals in December. The troop welcomed us with a flawless marching display when we visited in April, followed by an invitation to dance; we did our best! The final troop event of the year was a 5 day trip to Mombasa spent seeing the local sights, visiting an orphanage to interact with the children, and frolicking in the Indian Ocean.

The **18th Mukuru Kerrigan Cup Final Day** was played in July as a knockout competition. This Day is always eagerly anticipated by the children of the 4 Mukuru Primary Schools and the MIRC boys. In the Finals Kayaba retained the Girls Cup 3-2 against St Elizabeth, however St Elizabeth vanquished Kayaba 1-0 to take the Boys' Cup back to the school where the first Kerrigan Cup was played in 2000.



The fourth annual **Tsavo Sports Day** organised in collaboration with **DSWT (The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust)** for 4 primary schools in poor rural communities on the border of Tsavo East National Park was deferred to 2018 to avoid the uncertainties around the presidential elections.



Last Christmas we received a surprise donation of £750 from the 'Pennies' scheme at The Entertainer stores. We had heard that the **Special Needs Unit at Ruben Centre** had a new room but no equipment to put in it; it was the obvious place to use the money. The Unit is a safe place where children with a variety of disabilities are given basic skills, training and care. Margaret officially opened the newly equipped room during our visit by unveiling the plaque we provided. All 3 Trustees spent some very special moments in the room interacting with the delightful children there.



While at Ruben Centre we also met the Waves Ruben secondary students, Eva, Nicodemus, Gilbert and Beverlyne who were accompanied by their Mums, which was something new and very rewarding. It was a relief to see the Mums vigorously nodding in agreement to our efforts to encourage better marks in Maths!

It has been a successful year for students sponsored through the **WAVES Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes**. 10 students are in further education and 2 boys and a girl are at secondary school, giving a total of 13 students. Another girl will join secondary school in January. A new Ruben student, Beverlyne, started at secondary school this year.

The cost of sponsorship is £325 pa for each of the 4 years of secondary education.



At Ruben, Eva achieved a B- in her Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education exams (KCSE) gaining a University place to read Counselling Psychology. Ephraim and Diana excelled in their finals, both graduating with an upper second class B.Sc., in Project Planning and Management, and in Economics and Finance. At Mukuru Erick also excelled in his finals, graduating with an upper second class B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering and Electronics. Cynthia gained her Primary Teaching Certificate



and enjoys being a teacher. Reagan has taken up a permanent teaching post at a secondary school in Machakos. Phylis has found a job in supply management. Primary school teachers, Elizabeth and Nancy, plan to self-fund their studies for further qualifications. Benta has found permanent employment after several years of casual work following her Diploma in Business Administration. She says it feels good!

Young Peter is doing well in his second year at **Starehe Boys' Centre** and was able to meet all but one of the older six Stareheans for the first time during our visit to Nairobi. Philip has completed his first year of a Law degree at Nairobi University where Joab is due to begin his final year of a B.Sc. in Education. John, Jamleck, Dennis and Peter are all following successful careers.

Our laptop funding account is looking healthy, thanks to this year's RideLondon 100 fundraising. This year we have funded laptops for 3 University students; Eva and Francis at Ruben and Mukuru student Agnes. Laptops are now essential for all our

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University students. We are very grateful to Peter, an Old Starehean and WAVES graduate in Telecommunications and Information Engineering, for very kindly spending time advising and assisting WAVES students in their choice of new laptop.



The WAVES Ecology Trip Scheme, set up in partnership with The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) in 2000 to organise trips to wildlife centres for Class 5 primary school children from the slums of Nairobi, the MIRC boys and Year 1 boys at Starehe School continued, with 1,180 children taking part this year. Every year all Class 5 children at the 5 primary schools go on the trips. Since 2005 WAVES has supported the AFEW school micro-project scheme funding a variety of environmental projects in impoverished areas across Kenya. We spent a most interesting and enjoyable day with Emmanuel and Stanley of AFEW visiting 4 of these schools in the Yatta area. Schools receive an AFEW/Waves water tank and assistance with connection to a water supply where possible to enable crops and trees to flourish. AFEW's monitoring and evaluation ensures the projects become sustainable providing food crops and trees for shade and wood and a valuable practical lesson in living sustainably for the children.

Gabby and her Dad Nick, and Anthony Lombardi ran in our 2017 London Marathon team. Our small team did extremely well to raise a total of £7544 for WAVES projects. Our team for Sunday 22nd April 2018 includes just Tom and Matt to date. We have several places to fill so it is not too late to join the WAVES team; if you know of any potential runners please put them in contact with us. We can help you tick running the London Marathon off your bucket list. We give our runners a WAVES technical running top and T-shirt and provide a post marathon reception with shower facilities at a hotel in Leicester Square where they can meet their friends and family. Ballot place runners are also welcome.



Our Vitality London 10K '17 team of Paul, Alex, Jon, John and Tomas, raised £764 in a team fundraising. The run starts in the Mall and finishes opposite Buckingham Palace passing many of London's famous sights on the route. Paul finished first in 49:35 with Jon in hot pursuit in 50:56. Everyone enjoyed our traditional post run picnic lunch in Green Park. Jon's regular runners have already signed up for Monday 28th May 2018. Gabby and her sister Frankie are aiming to join them. More runners are welcome for this fun event so if you want to join Jon's team just register for a place soon. www.vitalitylondon1000.co.uk

For The Prudential Ride-London-Surrey 100 2017 we had 2 WAVES riders. Martin was riding for WAVES in the event for the third time and invited his friend and colleague Gary to join him. The pair raised an excellent total of £3121 for WAVES, finishing together in 8hrs and 18 minutes. After the ride Gary and Martin joined Margaret and Malcolm for the WAVES picnic in the sunshine of Green Park. The next ride takes place on Sunday, July 29th 2018. We have 4 guaranteed places available and also welcome any rider with a Ballot place to join our WAVES team.



We are grateful for the support received from organisations and individuals. Our sincere thanks go to the Grant Foundation for funding the MIRC Scout Troop once again this year. The generous support from The Entertainer toy retail chain employees given through the company's award winning Workplace Giving Scheme is very much appreciated. Matched Giving from Hastings Direct boosted sponsorship raised in the RideLondon 100, and from Barclays and Sky boosted the total raised in the London Marathon. A very generous donation from a family who have supported Waves for the past 20 years will be used in the Special Needs Unit at Ruben Centre.

For our next visit, possibly in 2019, we plan to arrange a joint lunch party for all WAVES students and past students sponsored through Ruben Centre, Mukuru Promotion Centre and Starehe Boys' Centre so that at last they can all meet each other.

We celebrated the 20th anniversary of the founding of WAVES in July 2017. Over those 20 years we have been privileged to meet so many kind and generous people in Kenya and the UK who have supported us, advised us, assisted us and partnered us in our aim to make a difference for disadvantaged children in Kenya. Looking back over 20 years we can see now that, through our tiny family charity, we have made a difference particularly to the students WAVES has sponsored. So many of them are now independent adults making their own way in the world and we are so very proud of all that they have achieved. As always we send our very big thank you to everybody in Kenya and in the UK who have helped us 'make it happen'. We thank each and every one of you for helping us to touch, and sometimes change, children's lives and "make WAVES"!

We wish you a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a peaceful Year 2018

Margaret

Malcolm

Jon

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