

The Kerrigan Savage Waves Charitable Trust

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CHRISTMAS 2018

There was jubilation at the **Mary Immaculate Rehabilitation Centre (MIRC)**, where homeless boys choose to spend one year in a rehabilitation programme, when 3 of the 4 patrols from the **WAVES** funded Scout Troop progressed through 2 stages to the National Scout Patrol Finals in August. The 4th patrol attended as observers so all 32 boys were included in an event with 6000 participants from all areas of Kenya. The boys enjoyed the experience and gained respectable results in the competition.



The MIRC manager thanked **WAVES** 'for giving the scouts this golden opportunity to interact, learn, adventure and make fun with many people around the country' The scouting year began with the Training and Investiture Camp for the troop where they had the opportunity to view the footprint of Baden Powell, Founder of Scouting. Other activities have included a Scout Open Day and a Leadership and Peer Educator Training for 12 senior scouts.

The **19th Mukuru Kerrigan Cup Final Day** was played in July as a knockout competition between the 4 Mukuru Primary schools and MIRC boys. In the Finals St. Elizabeth took the girls' trophy after a 4-2 penalty shoot-out against St. Bakhita while St. Bakhita won the Boys' Cup in a hotly contested battle against MIRC. The fair player trophy for girls was scooped by Lucy Wairimu of St. Bakhita and the boy's trophy was awarded to Kelvin Mureithi of MIRC.



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 took place



on September 29th. Gideon Mosi School hosted the event which was attended by an enthusiastic crowd of 300. Gideon Mosi won both Cups, beating Sowa in netball and Kalambe in football in a very competitive match. Meggie John from Kalambe won the Fair Player Award for girls and Martin Katindi from Gideon Mosi won the Award for boys. Lunch was accompanied by entertainment from children not playing in the



competition who showcased their talents in poems, traditional dancing and a short play. The message that we must all stand together to protect wildlife and wild spaces was at the heart of a fun-filled and exciting day. **WAVES** also funded Tsavo field trips for 125 village schoolchildren.

The students sponsored through the **WAVES Mukuru and Ruben Education Schemes** continue to thrive. **8** students are in further education and 3 boys and 2 girls are at secondary school, giving a total of **13** students. Ruben students, Pius and Whitney, started at secondary school this year. The **WAVES** Ruben secondary students, Gilbert and Beverlyne, have continued to progress. Nicodemus awaits the results of his final secondary exams and hopes to qualify for University to study accountancy.

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

At Ruben, Eva and Catherine continue to their second and third year at University while Erick will take



his Finals in Analytical Chemistry next March. Joyce and Kelvin have excelled in their finals, both graduating with a well-deserved upper second class degree, in Commerce, and in Actuarial Science. Joyce has an internship in corporate affairs where she says she is gaining massive experience. Kelvin is busy applying for positions. Diana, who graduated in 2017 in Economics and Finance is working revenue management for a major Kenyan company and loves the work. At Mukuru Agnes has reached her 3rd year of a degree course in Hospitality. Erick O. who graduated in 2017 in Electrical Engineering and Electronics, beat stiff competition for an internship with a long established engineering company.



Young Peter was top of his form at the end of his third year at **Starehe Boys' Centre**. Philip has finished his second year of a Law degree at Nairobi University where Joab has taken his final exams for a B.Sc. in Education and is waiting for his results. John, Jamleck, Dennis and Peter are all following successful careers. Dennis is now a registered architect; he has started a design and build firm with a colleague. Jamleck made a generous donation through Starehe to help his younger "brothers" still studying. Peter has been promoted and relocated to Johannesburg. He recently married his Kenyan fiancé who will join him in S.Africa. Peter has been invaluable in kindly assisting and advising **WAVES** University students in the choice of new laptops. We hope he may be able to continue to advise from a distance.



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 needy children continued this year. All Class 5 children from 5 primary schools in the slums of Nairobi, the MIRC boys, and boys from Year 1 at Starehe School took part; in all there were 1,249 children. Due to unusually cold weather in Nairobi the children were given a much appreciated hot breakfast as well as lunch. Their letters full of facts show how avidly they had listened to their AFEW guides, and their drawings how well they remember the detail of the animals they saw. Did you know that there are 3 kinds of giraffe in Kenya or that the ostrich is the largest bird in the world; it does not fly but uses its wings to balance itself as it runs along? One pupil finished his letter with the emotive appeal ‘Poaching Must Stop in All the World’. **WAVES** support continues for the excellent **AFEW school micro-project scheme** that funds a variety of sustainable environmental projects at schools in impoverished areas across Kenya.

For our **2018 London Marathon** team we had 3.1 **WAVES** runners, Tom, Matt and Michael, plus Belinda who was running for several charities and kindly donated 10% of her sponsorship to **WAVES**. We were also joined at our post marathon reception by Robert who ran for DSWT. Sadly Michael had to miss meeting us all after the race as he was badly affected by the heat on the hottest London Marathon Day on record and sensibly went home after finishing to recover. Our small team did extremely well to raise a total of £7077 for **WAVES** projects. Our team for Sunday 28th April 2019 includes Abigail, Aoife, Donna, Gabby, Jenny, Katie, Marie and is our first all-female team. Gabby is running for **WAVES** for the third time, Marie for the second time while Katie is the first member of the Savage clan to join the team. We have a number of places to fill for 2020 so if you know of any potential runners please put them in contact with us. We can help a runner tick running the London Marathon off their bucket list.



In the **Vitality London 10K '18** the regular team of Jon, Paul, Alex and John was boosted in numbers by Indre, Bev, Sarah, Lucy, Jenny and Catharine. This was the biggest **WAVES** 10K team yet. The 10 runners raised an excellent **£1419** in a team fundraising. On a very hot day Paul finished first (for the third year) in 50:34 with Jon (for the third year) in close pursuit in 51:46. Everyone enjoyed relaxing afterwards with the traditional post-run picnic lunch in a warm and sunny Green Park. Jon’s regular runners have already signed up for Monday 27th May 2019. More runners are welcome for this fun event so if you want to join Jon’s team just register for a place soon and let us know. www.vitalitylondon1000.co.uk

For **The Prudential Ride-London-Surrey 100 2018** we had no **WAVES** riders. As it was an extremely wet and windy day we were saved from a long damp wait in Green Park with a picnic for the riders. The next ride takes place on Sunday, August 4th 2019. 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, and doubling their donation to cover a special event for **WAVES** to choose. The generous support from **The Entertainer** toy retail chain employees given through the company’s Workplace Giving Scheme is very much appreciated. Given the uncertainties associated with “BREXIT” we have increased our reserve of funds. We are determined that no **WAVES** student will be unable to finish an education journey that we have undertaken for them to start.

On our next visit to Nairobi, which is planned for 2019, we aim 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 and connect with each other.

Through our charity we have been privileged over the years to meet so many kind and generous people in Kenya and the UK who have supported us in our aim to make a difference for disadvantaged children in Kenya. As more students complete their further education and find employment we can see the positive impact of the **WAVES** sponsorship scheme on their lives. This year we would like to say a special ‘THANK YOU’ to all our sponsors who make this possible. 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 2019

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