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TUUT Charitable Trust news update



TU Charity Responds to Evelina Neonatal Appeal



T.U.U.T Charitable Trust recently responded to the Evelina Neonatal Appeal which is aiming to raise £1m to expand the hospital's neonatal unit, which looks after babies who are born too early, or with serious medical conditions.

Tom and Harry's Story

The Evelina Children's Hospital, part of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust recently welcomed two very special boys back to the neonatal unit.

It was hard to imagine that these lively, active twins were once tiny babies struggling to survive. Born over three months too early in December 2005, weighing barely two pounds each, both boys had to overcome critical heart problems before they could finally go home.

Like all babies in the neonatal unit, they faced a whole range of life-threatening problems. They were dependent on round-the-clock care and specialist equipment to support their breathing, vital fluids and medication. They had heart problems and infections. Tom's condition was so serious that his doctors began to think he might not survive.

Two years later, both Tom and Harry are happy, healthy, lively and inquisitive. Their parents are full of praise for the care their sons received: "When Tom was at his worst, a nurse stood over him, making him breath," remembers his mum, Fiona. "When I think about the damage that could have been done without that amazing dedication – if oxygen hadn't got to his brain – I don't think we'd be here today without the neonatal unit".

You can find out more about the work of the ECHA at www.gsttcharity.org.uk

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Scrap computers turn into weather stations



Computer Aid International is a charity whose mission is to bridge the digital divide and alleviate poverty through the

provision of affordable technology to the developing world. They have joined forces with the Uganda Met Office and the UK Met Office on an innovative project that aims to help improve forecasting and help African farmers improve their crop yields. At the moment the provision of this important data relies on paper files that are sent in from weather stations across the country.

This means that when data is processed it is months out of date and is of no use in helping

Met office staff predict weather for farmers. Accurate weather forecasting will allow farmers to time the planting of their crops and choose types of seed that bring them better yields – in many cases this means the difference between failing to produce enough food to feed a family and producing surplus which can then be sold to pay to send children to school. At a national level more accurate and timely forecasting is necessary to make disease prevention and disaster response programmes more timely and effective.

With help from the T.U.U.T the project will build on a successful pilot in Kenya that is already delivering benefits to rural communities in some of the harshest climatic conditions in the world.

To see more of Computer Aids work or donate Computer equipment go to www.computeraid.org

T.U.U.T Charitable Trust
Trustees as at 1 August 2008

- The Lord Christopher CBE
- Alan Tuffin CBE
- Brendan Barber
- Michael Bradley
- Lord Brookman
- Ed Sweeney
- Michael Walsh

Summer Scheme Places at ADUR Special Needs Project (ASP)

Thanks to the TUUT Charitable Trust, as well as providing an extra week to the Summer Scheme, ASP have been able to offer a certain amount of 'reduced fee' or free places. So far, for the weekend and summer playschemes, we have been able to provide 80 supported places which is an enormous help to families who would otherwise not be able to access the services.

To find out more about ADUR go to www.adurspecialneedsproject.co.uk.

Sport for all

Thanks to a donation by the T.U.U.T Charitable Trust the UK Sports Association can help more people with learning disabilities to take up a sport this year. The UK Sports Association for People with a Learning Disability aims to enable such people to participate in any sport of their choice. They believe there should be a

clear pathway through sport for people irrespective of their disability. This may range from joining their local sports club to progressing in their event and representing their country in national and international competition. During the coming year they will be working with Governing Bodies of cycling, football, judo, tennis, basketball, cricket, netball, athletics, swimming, table tennis, and power lifting. Some of the sports are under-represented by people with learning disability but with a little help from the T.U.U.T Charitable Trust more disabled people will achieve their sporting ambitions.

www.uksportsassociation.org look them up and find out more about the wonderful work they do.



WINNERS ALL ROUND!



On Monday 2 June, MEAK ambassador Mike Fels organised a golf day to help raise funds for Medical and Educational Aid to Kenya (MEAK) at Bletchingley Golf Club in Surrey. 70 golfers arrived at the club and played their way to raising £5,800 for the charity.

As the primary purpose of this event was to raise much needed funds for MEAK's next mission to Kenya, Mike Fels turned to the ever supportive T.U.U.T Charitable Trust to secure items for a charity auction which took place after dinner and prize giving.

Special thanks to Alan Irwin of the Educational Sports Forum who donated a pair of boxing gloves signed by Barry McGuigan of the Professional

Boxing Association. Alan's contacts at the League Managers Association also secured a pair of tickets to see Tottenham Hotspur in action this autumn. Finally TUFM donated a special edition Moorcroft plate which was one of a collection of pieces presented to guests of TUFM at a recent factory visit.

And with in excess of £5,800 raised at what will now become the charity's annual golf day it truly was a case of "winners all round"!

For further information about the work of MEAK visit www.meak.org

More than
£5,800
raised!





MEAK celebrates another successful trip to Kenya

The Charity MEAK (Medical and Educational Aid to Kenya) buys medical and educational equipment and sends doctors to Kenya from Guys and St Thomas' Hospital to perform free life and sight saving operations for people who cannot afford them. A huge 94% of MEAK's income is spent on these missions and the equipment for them.



both eyes. Her mother had died in childbirth and her father abandoned her because of her blindness. She was found begging from door to door in the village and local

The MEAK team's five week trip to Kenya in May was one of their most anticipated trips to date. As many will know, the 2007 political elections that took place in Kenya in December, resulted in rioting and tribal tensions across the country which lasted for a few months. Though Kenya is, for the most part, stable now, there are still a few occasional and minor disturbances in areas to the west of the country.

women patients at the clinic were watching over her. Arbe made fast friends with the entire medical team and witnessing her eyesight come back was a gift that everyone took home with them. MEAK will be following up her progress in a few months and are pushing to ensure that she starts school so she can get an education.

Having already had to postpone two eye missions scheduled for January/February because of the situation, as well as a countrywide shortage of diesel fuel the MEAK team was very much looking forward to getting back to work bringing medical relief to the many diverse peoples of this amazing country.

MEAK also completed its 10th heart trip to Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi funded by the TUUT Charitable Trust.

In total 224 young patients were seen and assessed, of these 22 underwent cardiac surgery and 3 thoracic operations. The trip was extremely successful and achieved its aims of treating more children suffering with cardiac disease as well as establishing the framework for further missions with the same objective.

During their eye mission to Kalacha, 460 patients were screened and 139 operations were performed. One of these patients was a 10 year old girl called Arbe who was blind in

The TUUT Charitable Trust is proud to support MEAK in the vital work that they do.

Other Charities we have recently helped:-

The Alma Hospital Trust – www.almatrust.org

Anti-Slavery International – www.antislavery.org

Chernobyl Children in Need – www.geocities.com/ccineed

Dogs for the Disabled – www.dogsforthe-disabled.org

The Esther Benjamins Trust – www.ebtrust.org.uk

The Gwalior Childrens Hospital – www.gwalior.hospital.care4free.net

Shooting Star Children's Hospice – www.shootingstar.org.uk

Tree Aid – www.treeaid.org.uk

The Forest Uchaf Pit Pony Sanctuary – www.pitponies.co.uk

Scrap Poverty in Africa Organisation – www.scrappoverty.com

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Update on Justin Mboi



MEAK originally found Justin living in the hospital after a heart operation in August 06 and arranged for him to be returned home. They traced Justin again in October 07 to review his condition. Back in the UK his case was reviewed and it was decided to perform a Glen Shunt locally rather than subject him to the trauma of an overseas trip.

This trip Justin was 9th on the list for surgery which was completely successful. He was discharged from ICU in only 1 day and was returned back home to his family 10 days later.

MEAK's missions to Kenya are reported in full at www.meak.org