



Helping in Haiti

6 MONTHS ON. HOW ARE WE HELPING

In January 2010 Glasgow the Caring city responded to Haiti Earthquake disaster. The people of Scotland managed to raise £60,000 for our appeal and local business contributed much needed medicines and humanitarian supplies.

With this support we have been able to help the people of Haiti to survive in the weeks following the earthquake. GtCC has successfully supplied 10 emergency clinics with medical supplies, while also providing food, water and shelter to 2,500 people for 2 months. We were also able to feed 1,000 children for six months.

Six months on, the disaster relief operation has switched to one of long term development. We have teamed up with an international coalition of charities with the end goal of building the nine roomed, Good Samaritan School in Cite Soleil, which is scheduled to be completed by February 2011 .

In recognition of our good work, two classrooms will be named in honour of GtCC and the gates will be painted in a fine Scottish blue.



However despite these efforts, there are still over one million people in Haiti, without homes. There are estimated to be approximately 500,000 children under the age of 16 with over half receiving no education. There is little fixed sanitation and water supplies, while unemployment is estimated at around 80% of the working population. Any help which can be given to GtCC will go a long way to saving lives and rebuilding communities.

Stop Press: Pakistan Floods



The floods in Pakistan have filled our screens each evening with images of children in crisis. As we were due to go to print with this edition of the newsletter news of the flooding disaster broke.

Thankfully we have been able to respond in a small but practical way. Glasgow the Caring City has arranged for emergency Starter Packs to be purchased for those left homeless by the flood waters. The packs, which contain bare essentials such as candles, hand tools, plastic sheeting, food etc will provide much needed comfort for those at risk.

The Starter Packs are being sourced in conjunction with Blythswood Care and their Buckets of Love programme which operates in Pakistan. More news will follow...

We Need Your Clothes

Glasgow the Caring City's stocks of clothes are running critically low. Last winter's freeze was responsible for some of the lowest temperatures in living memory . Sometimes these clothes are the difference between life and death for the people who live in the communities which we assist.



Volunteer John empties the last bags from our van

As the end of the summer approaches so too does the countdown to another winter. As the clock ticks, we need to start collecting as many supplies as we can. We need your old shoes, jackets, blankets and bedding, so we can get them to the people who need them the most, before the winter makes itself known. Get in touch with GtCC. about any clothes which you can give.

Welcome from our CEO

From the founder & driving force behind Glasgow the Caring City

Welcome to the second edition the Glasgow the Caring City Newsletter. Once again we present our friends with an update on how Glasgow the Caring City is supporting children living in crisis. In this edition you will find information and updates on the progress of our work in Haiti. As I am writing this piece, news is breaking of a disaster in Pakistan and our team is gearing up to respond.

We are celebrating the recent success of our GOAL project and I am thoroughly looking forward to the challenges which next term's programme will present for our young participants. I am also introducing you to the Cross Out Child Poverty Campaign, and warmly invite you to attend one of the special concert performances we have organised with a Maasai Tribal Music and traditional dance by Osiligi Warriors.



Neil standing beside our Glasgow4Haiti album

In this edition we will get to know some of the volunteers who are helping Glasgow the Caring City, enabling us to provide much needed assistance to so many both here in Glasgow and abroad. Finally we will present a new initiative which sees Glasgow the Caring City expand its reach across the whole of Scotland. The Caring City Network is a new and exciting way, welcoming of communities outside of Glasgow into the Caring City family.

Thank you once again for your support of our charity and please enjoy the great results which you are enabling us to achieve.

Rev. Neil Galbraith CEO and founder of the Glasgow the Caring City
Chaplain to Strathclyde Police
Moderator of the Church of Scotland in Glasgow
Great Scot 2006



September sees the beginning of the annual campaign to address issues of child poverty here in Scotland. Every year we dedicate the run into winter by looking at ways in which our charity can support those most at risk in our local community. The programme, which is called 'Cross Out Poverty' will begin with the release of a special edition newsletter which highlights the range of fundraising, project and campaign activities.

Cross Out Poverty aims to unite communities, business, politics and the wider social spectrum of stakeholders in a campaign which addresses grassroots poverty issues in Scotland. This year we have already received exceptional levels of support and interest including the backing of Fiona Hyslop, Scotland's Minister for Culture & External Affairs.

Look out for your edition in the post soon.

www.crossoutpoverty.org

The following individuals make up Glasgow the Caring City's Board of Directors;

M.T Shaheen

K. McGuckien

T. Harrigan

L. Rebecchi

N. Galbraith

Co-opted T. Morrison

AND IT'S A GOAL

'Give a Kid a Goal', our Scotland wide citizenship programme for young people which raises awareness of issues such as poverty, eco-lifestyle, social integration & positive citizenship; is about to kick off for 2010-2011.

You may recall from the last edition of our newsletter that over 300 children graduated from the class of '09-'10, this years course is going to be the biggest and best yet. For the year ahead we plan to introduce a two-day intensive course, which will provide workshop style activities across all of our partner schools. The new format will provide a more refined means of programme delivery which compliments the new schools Curriculum for Excellence and creates greater interaction opportunities for those taking part.

For schools interested in taking part in project 'Goal' or for volunteering opportunities within this unique programme; please contact 0141 637 4168 or info@glasgowthecaringcity.com



One Minute with..... Ross Thompson

Your regular insight into the world of volunteering with Glasgow the Caring City

This edition we interview Ross Thompson, one of GtCC's dedicated volunteers who acts as a project co-ordinator for the GOAL Project.



Tell us a little bit about yourself ?

My name is Ross, I am nineteen and I live in a village called Stonehouse. In my spare time I like chilling with my friends, learning to play guitar (badly), and surfing. I hope to do some serious travelling in the future and eventually want to become a police officer.

What do you do with GtCC ?

I am one of the project co-ordinators on the GOAL project. Basically I go into the schools and act as the charity's representative. So if there is anything the kid's want to change or develop, they can speak to me and I'll do my best to help them out.

If you would like to find out more information about volunteering with GtCC, please email:

Info@glasgowthecaringcity.com

Why did you decide to volunteer to GtCC ?

GtCC had strong ties with my dad's school, Hunter Primary. I initially looked into volunteering abroad so my dad said I could get involved with GtCC first and get a feel for it instead of blundering into a situation I didn't fully understand.

What has been your favourite part of working with GtCC ?

I think I've just enjoyed being able to do things that make a bit of a difference. Also the kid's we work with are really funny so I get to have a good laugh as well.

How have you seen GtCC changing people's lives ?

Yeah well I've really seen the kids on the GOAL course change because when they start they are a bit quiet and not sure about the whole thing but after a while they really get into it. It's rewarding to go in and see the kids really so enthusiastic as they get engage with us and learn how to make a difference. Its also really changed me, I've become much more mature, more responsible and more confident.



Glasgow the Caring City is embarking on several innovative fundraising initiatives initially across the central belt of Scotland with a national roll-out envisaged in the future.

We and our partners in areas outside of Glasgow realised that there was a need to localise the identity of the individual Caring City branches.

The aim was to include those outside of the city, who may have been put off by the focus upon the 'Glasgow' connection.

Resulting from a ballot amongst the board of trustees, a consensus was reached on the name The Caring City Network. This change was then forwarded to the OSCR.

We hope that such a change will allow us to spread our wings and empower those outside of Glasgow to become involved in the work and support which we carry out across Scotland.

Greig Runs For It...

Greig Robertson, is Senior Football Development Officer and Youth Academy Coach at Celtic Football Club. He will be running the Loch Ness Marathon on Sunday 3rd October 2010 for GtCC, hoping to beat his personal best time of 4h 30m. 30mins.



Greig holding the European Cup at Celtic Youth Academy

Having worked closely with the late, great Tommy Burns for many years, Greig was interested to see how GtCC could use the vast collection of shirts and scarves left at Celtic Park shortly after Tommy sadly passed away. After getting in touch with Ross Galbraith, Greig has been helping the charity ever since.

Greig has been battling with a demanding training schedule to maximise his performance on the day.

He hopes to raise close to £1,000, much of which will help to fund our football project in Paarl, South Africa, which we have been collecting football kits and equipment for throughout the year. Some of the money will help us to coach under privileged kids in Scotland, all as part of the Football4Life Project.

www.football4life.org.uk

OSILIGI WARRIOR CONCERT



Glasgow the Caring City is delighted to bring you a morning of Maasai Tribal Music & Dance from the extraordinary Osiligi Warriors.

This event is free to all supporters of Glasgow the Caring City but places must be booked in advance with limited capacity for 400.

Cathcart Old Parish Church
119 Carmunnock Road
Glasgow. G44 5UW
September 9th, 10am

For reservations please contact
info@glasgowthecaringcity.com or
0141 637 4168

GOLF TOURNAMENT



Glasgow the Caring City and our Football4life project will be hosting a Ryder Cup style event to raise funds for children living in crisis here in Scotland and overseas.

The event, which features two rounds of golf, lunch, evening meal, celebrity team captains and entertainment will coincide with the start of the 2010 Ryder Cup.

Mearns Castle Golf Club
Friday 24th September
1pm till late

To book your place contact
info@glasgowthecaringcity.com
www.football4life.org.uk

HAITI FUNDRAISING ALBUM



The Glasgow4Haiti Album is now available to buy on our website.

Featuring songs by singer-songwriter *Scott Peden*, local indie stalwarts *The Dirty Violets* and some acoustic bliss by *Figure 5*.

All proceeds from this album will go directly to helping the people of Haiti to rebuild their country.

You can purchase the album for only £6.99, including postage and packing from

www.glasgowthecaringcity.com

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Donations

Your generous donations will allow us to help more children living in crisis in Scotland and overseas. To contribute money to our ongoing work follow the details below:

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By SMS: HELP to 88088 (see website for full Ts&Cs)

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