



Trust in Children

Connecting Children to Chances
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December 2009 Newsletter

2009 OVERVIEW

2009 was a busy year for TiC, with lots of focus on our October art exhibition *When I Grow Up*. We worked closely with our five international projects managed by the charities Ripple Africa, Caring For Congolese Children, Firefly International and John Lyall, as well as Project Piura coordinator Edgar, to enable the children to draw and paint - some for the first time.

The TiC Trustees dedicated masses of extra time, meeting regularly at weekends to plan the event, frame pictures, design information boards, prepare artwork and sort pictures for printing postcards. One of the more challenging tasks was spray painting the picture frames, but we were kindly helped by two young volunteers Rebecca and Rachel and their mum Caroline - many thanks to them and all those who helped build the exhibition.

Throughout 2009, TiC has continued to support projects in Peru, Bosnia, Malawi, the Philippines and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As TiC has no paid staff, nearly all donations go directly to supporting children worldwide. TiC works towards building long term relationships with the charities and projects we support so we can combine our support with their expert local knowledge to effectively help children in education worldwide.

COLLECTING AT WATERLOO

In December, three Trustees and a volunteer raised money for TiC by collecting donations at Waterloo station for TiC Turkey. They raised nearly £100 in two hours - thank you to everyone who took part.

Would you like to fundraise for TiC?

Contact TiC at info@trustinchildren.org

TRUSTEE NEWS

Many thanks to Trustees Kim and Sian who have stepped down after two years on the board, and a warm welcome to Nathaniel (Nat) who has agreed to become a Trustee. We are looking for dedicated Trustees - if you would like to join the board and can dedicate up to 4 hours a month, please contact info@trustinchildren.org.

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2009

Project Piura TiC has supported a fourth family in Piura taking the total number of street children helped up to 20; five of the oldest children graduated from school after four years and found work in Lima. We also introduced a peer mentoring scheme with university student Frank motivating and helping Project Piura's younger children with their studies.



Project Kapanda Run by Ripple Africa, TiC's grant has enabled Kapanda Secondary School's second classroom to open, with 50 new locally-made desks, and the third classroom will be opening shortly with the remaining 50 TiC-funded desks. 20 desks have also been delivered to the primary school. Over 100 children use these desks daily during term time. Following set-backs caused by the global recession, Ripple Africa now hopes to restart building work; more teachers' houses, toilets and classroom blocks are needed.



Project Firefly Following Ellie Maxwell's death in April this year, family and friends in Bosnia, the UK and beyond, pooled resources to keep Firefly International running and expanding. A week-long Firefly children's festival was held in Brcko, in August in memory of Ellie. English language and creative workshops took place during the day, with concerts by local and international bands in the evenings.



Since then there have been a series of fund-raisers organised by Ellie's family. These fund-raisers have one major aim: to fulfill Ellie's wish for Firefly to finally purchase its own building, so that the charity will have a permanent space and office from which to run workshops and lessons.

Project Wawa Run by the John Lyall charity, it had a tough year, tragically losing a child in Autumn's typhoon season, as well as losing its office. Despite the setbacks, the project continues, offering street children literacy and numeracy classes. This is the first year TiC has supported Project Wawa and we look forward to watching the project grow in 2010. Construction of a learning centre starts in February 2010 which should be ready in August.



The centre will greatly enhance the lives of the young people in Wawa by providing a place to house JLC's current projects and enabling it to extend its reach to the wider community.

Project Hope Run by Caring For Congolese Children, it continues to support 40 deprived children to attend school. The aim of this project is to offer education, food and health care to highly disadvantaged Congolese children living in a deprived borough of the capital, Kinshasa. They completed their

PICK UP A PIECE

At TIC we are always keen to hear about projects our members think we should support.



As a member you are able to Pick up a Piece of work or a project, which you think TiC should support. Our trustees will see if it fits into the jigsaw of projects we are aiming at.

By listening to members, TIC has been able to reach out to remote projects that we otherwise would not have heard about.

If you have a suggestion, please contact us with the details of the project you would like to support at info@trustinchildren.org

Special thanks to Andy Colvin, pro-bono photographer for the *When I Grow Up* exhibition (www.andrewcolvin.co.uk), and Melissa March, who donated one of her fabulous works of art to *When I Grow Up* (www.amudesigns.com).

Despite selling over ¾ of the paintings, TiC has ten works of unsold art from *When I Grow Up* remaining, which will make fabulous presents as well as great reminders of the exhibition (minimum suggested donation £15).

There are also a few packs of postcards left (suggested donation £4 for 8 postcards).



For more information, please contact Leonora at info@trustinchildren.org

BECOMING A MEMBER OF TIC

Membership to TiC enables you to give on-going support to children worldwide for only £25 a year.

To become a member, log onto www.trustinchildren.org/support, or call Trustee Leonora on 07791 634461 to have a Standing Order form posted to you.

Your support ensures that TiC can continue Connecting Children to Chances.



second school year in July and have made great progress, both mentally and physically. They have now embarked on their third year at the school.

For many of the children, creating pictures for the *When I Grow Up* exhibition was their first experience with art.



When I grow up

What did **YOU** want to be when you grew up?

On 21st October 2009, Trust in Children's *When I Grow Up* exhibition displayed artwork illustrating the dreams and ambitions of TiC-supported children. *When I Grow Up* was held at the V&A Museum of Childhood, attended by over 150 guests and raised more than £2000.

Chair Iain Forbes introduced TiC followed by guest speaker Dr Alan Borg, who formally opened the exhibition before leading a rousing auction of five of the Trustees' favourite works of art, which raised nearly £400.

The young artists were TiC-supported children from Bosnia, Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Philippines and Peru. They hope to enter a huge range of professions, including lawyers, pilots, police, seamstresses and nurses. Through the help of TiC and our supporters, **WE** can help **THEM** to achieve their dreams.

The interactive 'Wall of Ambition' showed the ambitions of guests and celebrities. Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty, said - "As a child, I wanted to be a lawyer"; actor Joanna Lumley - "I wanted to be a prime minister/bar manager/ surgeon"; composer Andrew Lloyd Webber - "I wanted to write musical theatre and I am extremely lucky to have been able to do so"; chef Loyd Grossman said - "I wanted to be a deep sea diver"; and author Bill Bryson stated - "I wanted to be a baseball player".

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended *When I Grow Up* and helped to make it such a special night.

TIC TURKEY

Once again, TiC is running its seasonal project spreading good cheer to its supported children all over the world. This year, funds will go towards buying educational presents for 20 street children in Peru; a Christmas celebratory dinner for over 40 children in the Democratic Republic of Congo and library books for children in the Philippines.

It is our way of being able to put a smile on children's faces at Christmas.

