

# OSAAT NEWSLETTER

## March 2017



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## Street Child United - Street Child World Cup Moscow 2018

One Step At A Time has submitted forms to enter the next Street Child United World Cup. This will be the third event for Street Child United, which takes place before the official FIFA World Cup and in the same country. We await the decision and hope that the hard work and successes of our boys will take them through.

The last world cup was in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and alongside the tournament there is a congress for the children to be able to discuss their hopes and dreams and for these to be taken back to their governments. Real, significant change happens. We want to change perceptions in Uganda.

***"The Street Child World Cup was 10 days when the world - in that corner of Rio - was fair to socially excluded children. They could feel the beauty of being somebody in this world."*** Abdul Faquir, Team Leader, Team Mozambique

The second Street Child World Cup in association with Save the Children took place ahead of the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 230 former street children came together to play football, representing their countries and the millions of children living on the streets today. **Street children united for their rights, as a result real change has been made.**

Our message goes across the globe... The message from the children taking part was clear, **"I am Somebody"**. This message was heard around the globe reaching an estimated **220 million people worldwide** including governments and policy makers, influential individuals, agents of change, businesses and communities.

**Pope Francis** blessed the SCWC and declared it a 'significant initiative' alongside praise from **Prince William, Duke of Cambridge** showing solidarity with the teams, letting them know they are not alone. Visitors to the tournament included World Cup winners **Bebeto** and Arsenal 'invincible' **Gilberto Silva**. As a result, Gilberto Silva is now an official patron.



## OSAAT would like to add new trustees to the board. Could you be one?



We have a wonderful set of trustees but we are victims of our own success. We've worked hard to get the organisation to where it is and want to do more things in the future. We need more trustees to help us achieve our goals.

Being a trustee gives you a real opportunity to make a difference to the lives of vulnerable children and their families; children that live on the streets and children that need support and love.

Our monthly meetings and social events are friendly and fun but we are most serious about our goals and how we achieve them.

The charity is run in accordance with the charity commission regulations; [charitycommission.gov.uk](http://charitycommission.gov.uk) and law in both an ethical and sustainable manner in order to meet the needs of our children and communities in Uganda. Why not also take a look at the charity commissions website regarding trustee responsibilities; [charitycommission.gov.uk/trustees](http://charitycommission.gov.uk/trustees)

If you would like to be at the heart of the charity or if you would like to have a chat first, please contact Keighly Murphy at: [keighlymurphy@gmail.com](mailto:keighlymurphy@gmail.com).

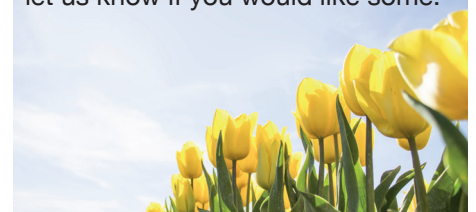
## Spring raffle

One Step at a Time will be holding our annual spring raffle and we have already have lots of excellent prizes...

1st prize - 3 course meal in Marco Pierre White restaurant and Thames river cruise for 2.

2nd prize - Spring hamper.

Many more prizes including two massage vouchers, a great beverages hamper, several bottles of wine, summer garden games, a collection of candle holders and many more. If you have anything at home that is taking up space we would be happy to find it a new home. Tickets will be £1 each just let us know if you would like some.



## Ladies bags

You may be aware that in July last year Sue Trudgian launched a project for bags to be sent to the office to provide our ladies with personal items. With thanks to all who provided a bag, there were happy ladies at the office when they arrived in January.

Thank you Sue for this amazing idea that provided our ladies with both essential and luxury items and useful bags for them to use as well. These women have very little luxury in their lives and so a bar of fragrant soap, nice underwear and personal hygiene items are so welcome.



## Spectacles for all

120 pairs of much needed spectacles kindly donated to OSAAT have again made a difference in Uganda. These spectacles are now at the local eye clinic to be distributed to those that need them. Thank you to those who made this donation, eyesight is so precious and great to know that the specs will be going to good homes. The eye doctors will ensure that patients get the correct ones and will be supported with specialist eye care.



## Update on the Brighton Marathon

Becky and Cath are training really hard for the Brighton Marathon and OSAAT is thrilled that they have chosen to do this for us. They will be running on 9 April 2017 and we wish them lots of luck on the day and hope they enjoy the challenge.

### Here is their story...

Several years ago Cath and Becky made a (drunken) promise to each other that they would run the marathon when they were 40. Well believe it or not that is 2017 and there is no escaping it now. So what better reason to drag ourselves round the 26.2 miles course in beautiful Brighton than for a charity close to both our hearts. This charity was founded by a close personal friend, Sandra Murphy, who continues to amaze us with her all the work she does for the needy in Uganda. With the support of her team, including our best friend Keighly, Sandra makes a difference to so many people's lives. And the difference with this charity? We know where every penny goes which is why we want to raise more. Please make our pain worthwhile and give whatever you can and come and support us in Brighton, we promise to try and wave.

Just a reminder that there is a Virgin Money giving page for this event and all donations to spur the girl's on will be gratefully received - [Becky and Cath's fundraising page](#)

## Success stories



Little David and his family have had the most amazing 6 months since the sponsorship with OSAAT began.

David was a very vulnerable boy, full of energy and in need of a secure home with a steady income to enable his mother to provide for the family.



I can now tell you that Mum is running a business selling goat's hooves to the community, and she has all her children living back at home. David has started nursery school which will help him to focus and learn, and there is discussion with the clan about her property right. That is what we call success!!



One of our street boys Dominic has some very happy news. His father has been traced and he has agreed that his son can live with him. With love, care and support Dominic should now have a future that he truly deserves.

It is with regret that we have to advise you that Carolyn Norman has given her notice to One Step at a Time and will be leaving her role as administrator. Carolyn has had a change in her personal circumstances which makes it difficult to continue in employment with us but we are happy to announce that she and her family will continue to sponsor David and Carolyn will join us as a volunteer. The good thing is that she will continue, with her son, to produce these monthly newsletters. Fantastic that they will continue.