



**Cecily's
Fund**

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2019**

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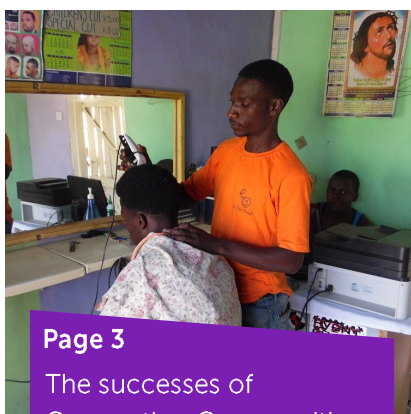
Welcome!

Welcome to our latest newsletter. 2018 ended with a major fundraising effort on the part of Cecily's Fund - our Christmas Appeal. The education of girls in Zambia is critically important, and your generosity will help us keep Chingola's vulnerable girls in school into 2020. We can't thank you enough! You can read more about the success of the Appeal and the impact of the our work in Chingola on page 6.

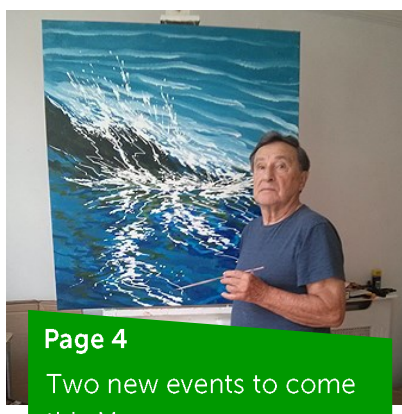
Also in this issue, we're excited to announce two new fundraising events for 2019. Our 10K spring challenge walk in London and a Cecily's Fund exhibition as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks will both take place in May. We'll be sharing more details of these in the coming weeks, and we hope very much that you'll be able to take part.

Comic Relief funding for our Connecting Communities programme ends this March; on page 3 we look at its successes and how we hope to sustain the work we began. On page 5 we look at some of the adventurous fundraising challenges we can offer this year, and on page 7 we thank photographer Mike Morrison, whose fundraising in 2018 reached over £580.

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Connecting Communities: how young lives have changed in the past three years

This March, three years of Comic Relief funding for our Connecting Communities programme will conclude. We'll be looking back at the programme's success so far

Connecting Communities has had a comprehensive approach to improving the prospects of children in and outside school. It has used activities like sport, music and safe spaces for personal development to instil positive attitudes and behaviours in young people. It has also helped orphans build a brighter future for themselves, by supporting their efforts to start businesses and secure an income which for many, has enabled them to return to education.

Connecting Communities is a sustainable programme helping young people to transform their lives. As Comic Relief funding ends this March, Cecily's Fund and our partners will work to continue the interventions put in place during the three-year funding period. In the coming weeks, we'll be taking a close look at Connecting Communities and sharing its successes as it enters this new phase.



The impact of Connecting Communities



288 vulnerable girls and boys completed **entrepreneurship training** and starting their own income generating activities that are enabling them to return to school.



5 **GROW savings groups** now provide financial security for vulnerable families through savings and loans to start their own businesses and bring income to households and pay for school fees.



Sports, music and other recreational activities are contributing towards **positive behaviour change** and citizenship amongst young people.

Two exciting events to come in May

Save the dates: a brand-new fundraising walk and our first art exhibition



Take it in your stride: sign up for the Cecily's Fund walk in central London - May 11, 11:15am
Starting in Trafalgar Square



Painter Raymond Martinez exhibits as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks, May 25 - 26 - Burford

£19 for 19 Girls' Education in 2019

Why not join Alison and Basil Eastwood, co-founders of Cecily's Fund, for an entertaining stroll through central London taking in many of London's iconic sights and views. Whilst the whole walk is approximately 5 miles long you can drop in and drop out at any point along the way. Do also bring a packed lunch.

To take part, a small donation of **£19** will help 19 orphans/vulnerable girls to continue their education in Chingola. If you express an interest in the walk this does not oblige you to take part.

We will send out a detailed itinerary with map to anybody who has expressed interest and we are ready to answer all your questions. We can guarantee some gentle exercise, good camaraderie, getting re-acquainted with famous sites of London whilst raising funds that will change young lives.

For more information contact Anne Cooper, Fundraiser at Cecily's Fund, email acooper@cecilysfund.org, or office telephone 01993 358089 or contact walk organiser Alison Eastwood email stableyardalison@gmail.com or mobile 07870 893223.

We're excited to announce that for the first time, Cecily's Fund will be participating in **Oxfordshire Artweeks** - the prestigious, multi-venue celebration of art that runs across the county.

On May 25 to 26, there will be a special exhibition by internationally-renowned painter Raymond Martinez at Burford's **Warwick Hall** (warwickhallburford.org). Born in Barry, South Wales and trained in part at the Slade School of Fine Art, Raymond has worked extensively in Italy and exhibited around the world.

"The work to be shown will include paintings from my time in Italy and the seascapes I have produced since returning to the UK", Raymond says. Owners of his work have included artist L.S. Lowry and actor Robert Morley. Cecily's Fund will receive **85%** of the proceeds from all sales. We look forward to seeing you at this special event!

All welcome. For more info contact Anne Cooper, Fundraiser via acooper@cecilysfund.org

Challenge yourself in 2019!

2019 has begun and there's never been a better time to take on a personal challenge whilst raising funds to change a child's life! Whether you're an experienced fundraiser or a novice, and whatever your physical ability, there's something you can do that will change lives - perhaps including your own.

Visit cecilysfund.org/fundraise today for a list of events and fundraising ideas, from the Cecily's Fund favourite the London 10K, to the chance cycle in beautiful Zambia itself.

If a physical challenge isn't for you, why not organise a coffee morning or give up chocolate or wine for lent? Whatever you choose to do, be sure to let us know so we can help you along the way!



Saharan Mini-Adventure (5 Days, October)

Spend time with Berber guides, camping out under the stars. You'll also trek with camels as you explore the scenic part of the vast desert that lies within Morocco. An adventurous but manageable trip.



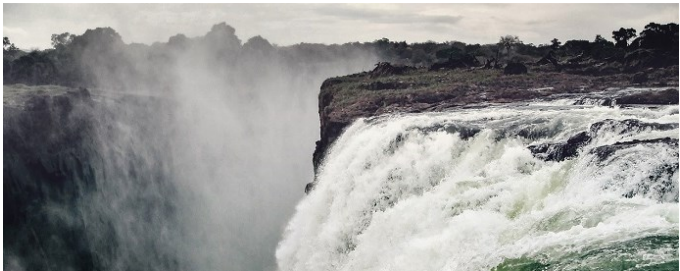
Iceland Lava Trek (5 Days, August)

Adventurous trekkers will love this five-day trip which takes in the incredible natural sights of Iceland. During your time on this popular trek, you'll see glaciers, the famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano, and the capital Reykjavik.



The London 10K (1 Day, July)

A Cecily's Fund favourite - see London from a unique perspective with 10,000 other runners! Become a part of our team of 18 which takes on one of the UK's biggest 10Ks each year. This event raised over £4,000 for our work in 2018.



Cycle Victoria Falls (10 Days, May)

The Victoria Falls are one of the world's natural wonders - see them for yourself as part of this epic ten-day ride through Zambia. This is a perfect chance to experience the country first-hand, to challenge yourself, and raise money for our work.

Why take on a challenge?

The challenges Cecily's Fund offers are perfect friends, for societies, and company team building. Let your employees really bond on a life-changing trip that also makes a difference.

For more information, contact Anne Cooper - acooper@cecilysfund.org

Here to Help

Visit our website for range of fundraising ideas and support, including our new challenge leaflet and fundraising pack!





Christmas Appeal 2018: thank you for helping to keep DREAMS alive!

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Cecily's Fund Christmas Appeal 2018! We raised £29,436 - a tremendous boost to our efforts to keep 900 vulnerable girls in school into 2020



Cecily's Fund had just one thing on our 2018 Christmas list - we asked supporters to donate to our Christmas Appeal, and you responded in a wonderful way.

Our goal was to extend our support to 900 vulnerable girls in Chingola. Having identified the girls in 2016, our DREAMS programme, funded by the US Department of State and PEPFAR, has kept them in school.

To unlock the potential of the girls, our work not only lets them continue to pursue education but also offers them business skills and the knowledge of their basic rights they need to succeed in life. The fantastic total of £28,704 has helped to extend this support into 2020, and we are hugely grateful to each and everyone of you who helped through fundraising events, personal challenges, Christmas card sales and other activities, we could not have achieved this without you.



Martin and Gerry Marais were two of the dozens of people who contributed to our Supporters' Cookbook, which has over 90 great recipes. Sales raised nearly £1,000 before Christmas.

The **DREAMS Innovation Challenge** is an \$85 million HIV prevention initiative led by PEPFAR, Janssen Pharmaceutica NV (a Johnson & Johnson company) and ViiV Healthcare. The initiative aims to accelerate progress toward achieving a 40 percent reduction in new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women in the highest-burden areas of 10 sub-Saharan African countries.

Determined

Resilient

Empowered

AIDS-Free

Mentored

Safe





Mike was Cecily's drama teacher, and has previously supported us by auctioning a photograph taken in Venice in 2017.

Supporter Mike's photography adds to Christmas Appeal 2018



Photographer Mike Morrison's latest fundraising efforts added £580 to Christmas total

Photographer Mike Morrison used his skills to raise money for Cecily's Fund late last year, with a series of exhibitions and a special portrait session at Canterbury Christ Church University.

The portrait photography session at Christ Church was run in collaboration with the university's Rotaract group.

"With the help of Mike Morrison, Canterbury Christ Church University Rotaract Club was able to raise **£115.95** towards the 2018 Cecily's Fund Christmas Appeal", says Temi Dada, Club President. We thank the participants for their generous donations and Mike Morrison for kindly taking the photos - great fun was had by all!"

Cecily's Fund is very grateful to Mike and his donors - in total, his efforts raised over **£580** towards the Christmas Appeal.

A New Year's resolution that will change lives - raise free funds for us as you shop online in 2019

Sometimes, the best New Year's resolutions are the small ones that can make a difference as you do everyday things. A perfect example would be to sign up to EasyFundraising in 2019 - it's a site that helps you generate *free* donations for Cecily's Fund from major retailers when you shop online.

One of the best ways to raise big donations for us is when you book your holiday in 2019 - your transport, accommodation, travel insurance and more can all be used to generate funds at no extra cost to you. To find out more and to get started, visit easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Cecily's Fund!

If you shop regularly through Amazon, you might want to try Amazon Smile. 0.5% of your purchase will go to us - to choose us, visit smile.amazon.com and search for "The Cecily Eastwood Zambian AIDS Orphans Appeal".

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every time you book travel online



Donate today and help us change lives in Zambia

Whether you give regularly or as a one-off, your support will help Cecily's Fund give orphans and vulnerable children a chance to build a better future for themselves. Just **£5** supports out feeding programme, while **£50** will help us keep a child in school for a year.

Yes, I want to give Cecily's Fund a one-off donation of...

£

Please tick to agree with the following statement: I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference. This includes any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years.

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Each month

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Each quarter

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Each year

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