

Newsletter

A-Z Children's Charity

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Welcome to the second edition of the **A-Z Children's Charity** newsletter. The aim of this short and simple newsletter is to keep A-Z supporters informed about all ongoing activities and upcoming events that might be of interest.

If you have anything that you would like to feature in the future, a fundraising idea or event, or want more information contact info@azchildrenscharity.org or lisanicole.campbell@gmail.com. The aim is that this will be a quarterly update. If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, just drop us a line too.

Sponsor a Child...

There is no such thing as a bad Charity. All Charities set out to do real good and improve the welfare, or well being of people or animals of some sort of disadvantage. And all should be commended.

That being said, it is important to get a real benefit out of your monthly Charitable contributions and know it really makes a difference.

With A-Z Children's Charity, your monthly contribution is ring-fenced and only used for the well being of the child you have sponsored. You will be kept informed and receive updates about your sponsored child, but this will not be fancy marketing materials as the money is far better spent on the ground.

Your money is used to cover school fees for a year, uniform and sports wear, three meals a day in school and compulsory stationary for a child. Give €21 and A-Z can claim tax-relief back too giving the child even more benefit.

If you would like to sponsor a child, contact Brian at info@azchildrenscharity.org

Kids making a difference

5th and 6th Class students at St. Cronin's School, Swords are putting on an exciting Opera event **The Torc of Gold**, in aid of A-Z. All money paid to gain entry on the night will be donated to A-Z.

St. Brigid's BNS are having their 4th Annual Relay Race in aid of A-Z on the 26th April. Mr. Finn's and Mrs. Cullen's Classes will get sponsorship for the race and the rest of the school give a donation for the chance to become their Class representative. About 75 Children run and the whole school comes out to watch.

Mr. Finn's class are also having a Cake sale in April for A-Z.

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Annual "Black Tie" Ball

Dublin Hilton, Northern Cross
(Malahide Road)

Night starts at 7.30pm with a Champagne Reception

MC Jenny Buckley

A selection of live entertainment until 2.30 a.m.
including **Rock-a-Hula Baby**,
surprises and great raffle / auction prizes

€100 or table of 10 for €950

For tickets, more information & sponsorship opportunities,
contact Lee Nicks on 085 985 1856, Elaine on 086 0803275
or email azcharityball@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: Friday 25th May 2007! SAVE THE DATE: Friday 25th May 2007!

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A - Z Children's Charity Ball



Rock-A-Hula Baby



Jenny Buckley of Channel 6 in support of A-Z Children's Charity

On Friday 25 May at The 4 Star Hilton Hotel, Northern Cross (N32-Dublin Airport), 220 people will come together for a **Black Tie Ball** in aid of A-Z Children's Charity.

The event will be hosted by MC **Jenny Buckley** (presenter of Access Hollywood on Channel 6) and will be stacked with entertainment running til 2.30 a.m.

This will include music from Kim Geleman, a contemporary Violinist, lively tunes from **Rock-a-Hula baby** fronted by West-End performer Mike Brookfield. Afterwards a DJ will keep guests dancing into the night.

Guests will also enjoy a Champagne reception, a short Auction, a 4 course meal and a number of surprises.

Tables are already in great demand with limited spaces remaining, so contact azcharityball@gmail.com if you are interested straight away.

All donations for this event are gratefully accepted, and all sponsors are welcomed.

Key Information

When: Friday 25 May 2007

Where: Dublin Hilton, Malahide Road

From: 7.30 - 2.30



Have you got 8 hours a month to spare?

In Search of Volunteers

A-Z Children's Charity relies on its volunteers to get its work done. As A-Z Children's Charity is expanding it requires more people to lend a hand, especially in the areas of **marketing the charity, PR, fundraising, human resources and administration**. Whilst these may not seem as worthwhile as going out physically to lend a hand in Uganda, they are vital for the smooth running and growth of A-Z Children's Charity.

Without volunteers, A-Z would not be able to function. As A-Z holds volunteers in such high esteem it has begun to create contracts for some of it's committed volunteers. The aim of this is to give the volunteer more responsibility and for them to know exactly what their role and responsibility is within the organisation. Therefore if you can commit to providing the charity with at least 8 hours a month for at least 6 months then give Brian Iredale, The Director of A-Z Children's Charity a call on 086-1639505 for further information on volunteering.

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More information about A - Z Projects

A-Z Children's Charity is comprised of A-Z Children's Charity Ireland and A-Z Children's Charity Uganda. In Ireland there are approximately 6 people working for A-Z on a voluntary basis. In the Ugandan office there are 8 full time employees.

Between the two a host of projects are ongoing to provide healthcare and education for Ugandan orphans and vulnerable children infected and affected by HIV/ AIDS.

These include:

- AIDS programme.
- Child Sponsorship.
- School Twinning Programme.
- Kasengejee Community Care Project.
- The Library.
- The Agricultural Project, and
- Primary School Peer Education.

Info on Ugandan Culture

READING:

A-Z Uganda is also trying to establish a reading culture in Uganda. Reading is seen as something of value only in relation to study and so becomes a chore.

People's lives, poverty, unemployment, illness etc. also mean that reading/reading for pleasure is very low in importance.

Where is Uganda?



DID YOU KNOW?

Uganda is in East Africa. It is bordered by Sudan, The Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya. Its most famous natural features are 'Lake Victoria' and the source of the 'river Nile'. It is also has the Bwindi National Park with has the last 650 mountain gorillas living in it.



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School Twinning Programme

Congratulations to Mrs Brennan's 5th/6th Art Class of St. Brigid's Boys National School Killester. They came second in the senior art section in the Our World Media Awards. With over 2000 entries from all over the country this is a fantastic achievement. The entry was a wall-hanging which shows what they have learned from their Ugandan pen-pals and what they have taught them about Ireland.



Mini Marathon: *Be a part of it*



Have you thought about doing the Dublin ladies mini-marathon but never done it? Or do you do it annually for a variety of charities?

Do you know anyone who walks a lot, or enjoys running that might consider doing the mini-marathon for A-Z Children's Charity?

If any of these apply to you, then why don't you think about doing it this year and making a difference for A-Z Children's Charity.

Sponsorship cards and t-shirts are available to help promote A-Z Children's Charity on the day. Contact Elaine on 086 0803275 or email elainetoe@yahoo.com.

The Dublin mini-marathon is 10 kilometers long. Participants must register, this can be done on www.floraminimarathon.ie. Places are limited so register early.

PINK PARTY

The Pink Party has now been confirmed for Saturday 5 May.

The Summer starts here, with the venue set for **Ocean Bar**. What is it? The Pink Party is a fundraising charity event that is organised by a few friends for the past 4 years. One of the organisers is a volunteer for A-Z and goes to Uganda in the Summer. This fun party is one of her means to fundraise her €2000 contribution. The remainder of the money earned on the night is used for a variety of purposes but last year an additional €1,500 was also donated to A-Z.

Bands and DJs are being confirmed at the moment but as usual there will be a raffle loaded with fantastic prizes and some pink cocktails.

Think pink, wear pink, drink pink!

Tickets will be €15 and available on the door on the night. Get there early to avoid disappointment. **Doors open 8 pm.**

For more info, to offer a raffle prize or simply to check any details about this great night, contact Meabh at meabh.galavan@gmail.com or Danni Synnott on danysinnott@yahoo.com or call 087 1370683.



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Sponsorship Manager Required

Want to try something really rewarding?

A - Z Children's Charity is looking for a volunteer who can afford to spend about **4 hours per week** on a voluntary basis to manage the Child Sponsorship Programme. The volunteer should be prepared to commit to this for a minimum of **6 months**.

Roles / Responsibilities:

- To enlist and attract new sponsors
- To grow the number of children that are sponsored.
- To communication with the existing sponsors about their children.
- To attract positive PR where possible about the programme.

Contact

Brian on 0861639505 or email info@azchildrenscharity.org with your expression of interest.

Also check out the new Look A - Z Children's Charity Website:

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Additional Fundraising Events - Update:

48 hour cycle from Dublin to Cork was a great success, albeit that we had a strong north-westerly wind in our face the whole way! 6 people participated attracting some press coverage, and only two punctures along the way.

4 Peaks Challenge:

20 participants are taking part in the upcoming 4 peaks challenge this May bank holiday weekend. This is going to be a great challenge and there will not be much time for eating along the way! We therefore are making packed lunches. If anybody has any contacts in the sandwich making business or fruit supplying business that would be able to get us around 80 sandwiches and 80 apples and bananas for the lunches on the trip then that would be super.

Please contact JP the four peaks coordinator if you can help out. On **087-6630098**.

In the next edition:

Fundraising with a difference
We want to hear from you with ideas for fundraising. Please email Brian info@azchildrenscharity.org or lisanicole.campbell@gmail.com.

More about Uganda and the Kasengeje Resource Centre

The A-Z Charity Ball
Pictures & List of Sponsors

Pink Party in Review

More about the Summer Volunteers