



"I am moved beyond words to see my son so happy. He is learning well, and has a hot meal everyday. I know that the charity funds medical care when they can and Peter is learning so well. I am a widow and you have taken stress from me. From the bottom of my heart - thank you."

— Betty Niadou - mother of Peter Niadou

**The last 18 months have been a struggle for us, as it has been almost impossible to have our normal fundraising events. We are thankful however, that our fundraising is beginning to get back to normal. (See below for future dates). We have been very grateful for your continued support, and the trustees were able to come up with a couple of fundraising ideas - a sponsored bike ride and a climb up Mount Snowdon, which jointly raised £4,500. Again, it is our supporters we must thank for their kind generosity that enabled these two events to have such a success. I am pleased to say that our Trustees knees and aching backs have now receded. (Until next time!)**

## **Good news to our existing and any new supporters**

We are very excited to let you know that Friends of the Mombasa Children has been selected to participate in **The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2021**, the UK's largest match funding campaign. Last year, thanks to generous supporters, the Big Give campaign raised over 20 million for participating charities.

We will be raising money for our Medical Project to enable the pupils at Unity School to continue to receive the care and medication they need. Medical care is not free in Kenya.

## **Stage 1 of this campaign**

We were required to secure 'pledges' from supporters during the summer up to an amount of £1,500. We are pleased to announce that we have reached this sum.

## **Stage 2 of this campaign**

From 12 p.m. on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November until 12 p.m. on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December for one week we are required to 'match fund' our pledges by asking supporters to donate to the Big Give online platform. If we are successful and reach £1,500 we can collect our pledges and match fund our donations – twice the impact. i.e. £3,000 – this will go a long way to support our vital medical project.

## **What you need to do?**

Have a look at our campaign, see our pictures and short video of Dr Luke with one of the pupils. Hover with the mouse over the link below and Ctrl+Click to follow the link to our campaign.

[Medical care for pupils in Mombasa Kenya \(thebiggive.org.uk\)](https://thebiggive.org.uk)

## Still to Come in 2021

We are pleased to report that Fundraising has resumed .

**The Great Sale of Everything** is now booked for **Saturday 30th October at the Parish Church Hall, The Street, Rustington. 10.00am—1.00pm**

Bric-a-Brac, 2nd Hand books, Jigsaws—loads! Candles, Jewellery, and More

After a gap of two years we intend to hold our **Christmas Tree Festival** with Littlehampton United Church on **December 10th and 11th**. On Friday we hope to open to the public at about 4.00pm and enjoy Carol-Singing by candle light around 6.00 pm. On Saturday we will be open from 9.30 am to 3.00pm together with our Christmas Fair. Still to be confirmed is a concert of Christmas Music and readings 3.00pm –4.00pm

**All Christmas Trees are welcome.** If you are connected with a local organisation who would like to display a tree please use the contact number below and you will be sent details.

Offers of help at these events would be most welcome . Please contact Chris 01903 718070 or any of the Trustees.

## Important Information for our supporters

Virgin Money Giving (VMG) will cease to operate on 30<sup>th</sup> November after the London Marathon in October. As a charity we have used Virgin Money giving as our on-line platform for donations and fundraising activities for many years and are disappointed that they will be ceasing to operate. The VMG website will be open until midnight on 30 November 2021 when it will stop accepting donations. They have confirmed that from 1 December until 18 February 2022, they will continue to claim the Gift Aid on all relevant donations for charities and pay it out in the usual way.

After investigating several other on-line platforms for the purpose of our monthly, one-off donations and fundraising events, we have decided to register with “Just Giving”. A new link is available on our website and will also appear on our facebook page and in our newsletters We will be writing to everyone who has set up regular donations via Virgin Money Giving.

*You can donate to Friends of the Mombasa Children via*

*<https://www.justgiving.com/mombasa-children>*

*Or by on-line banking: our Treasurer Khatija Volk or Carol Groves can give you more advice.*

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