



Kathmandu Kids Club Newsletter

Events Update

PAST: Our annual Christmas Market was once again a great success with over \$30,000 being raised that will go directly towards The ISIS Foundation's projects in Nepal and Uganda! Our guests enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies while meandering around our market stalls and listening to the children of Bermuda School of Music play Christmas carols. Our silent and live auction was full of unique goodies that included giraffe carvings to turquoise yak milk jugs. The festive atmosphere appeared to spark the Christmas spirit in our guests and what better way to start the season than to contribute to helping woman and children in serious need in Nepal and Uganda!

FUTURE: The Event Team is busy planning our summer event so stay tuned for details!

Schools and Education

In December Melissa Moore made a presentation to the Year 7 group at Warwick Academy which resulted in them choosing KatKids as their New Years Eve fundraiser project.

In addition they held a BBQ last week and raised \$350 for the Katkids children!

Roma Jderisiak, one of the trekkers to the base camp of Mount Everest, made a power point presentation to the MYP students at Somersfield Academy while Jennie Lee O'Donnell, Alex Hasselkuss and Roma made a presentation to the 6-11 students this past Autumn.

Stay tuned for more presentations and fundraisers happening this Spring!



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Our Wonderful Fundraisers

By Alexandra Hasselkuss, Kathmandu Kids Club Fundraising Manager

We can thank children, comedy, and crocodiles (well, Derek Stapley) for their fundraising efforts over the past several months. It is always inspiring to see children who are aware of those less fortunate than themselves and who seek to help others.

The Martin Sisters' Birthday Party

A birthday party for Joanna (Jo-Jo) and Katherine (Kit-Kat) Martin's 12th birthday was held November 15, 2008 at the Bermuda Squash Racquets Association. The girls had a disco plus played some squash and other ball games on the courts, and of course a few party games. This fun party resulted in \$1,000 in funds raised for KatKids.

Derek Stapley's Nile Crocodile Lecture

On November 26, 2008, Derek Stapley gave an entertaining lecture at the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute about his volunteer experience at a Nile crocodile research project in Botswana. This was followed by a fabulous dinner at the Harbourfront restaurant. The tickets for his lecture were in such high demand, that the BUEI asked Derek to give another lecture on the crocodiles on March 11, 2009. Partial proceeds from both events were donated to KatKids.

Zoe and Jasmin Hasselkuss' Birthday Party

Due to the wonderful generosity of their friends and their friends' parents, Zoe and Jasmin Hasselkuss collected donations for KatKids instead of presents, totaling \$863.28, at their joint 4th and 2nd birthday party held on November 30, 2008 at Somersfield Academy. Some children even brought the contents of their piggy banks to celebrate the occasion.

Isabella and Jacques Boonstra's Artwork

At their father's party on December 14, 2008, Isabella (age 8) and Jacques (age 5) spontaneously decided to recruit all children at the party to draw some pictures. All of the drawings were placed on a wall and put on sale for guests with Kat Kids being the beneficiary. Their lovely artwork raised \$62 for KatKids.

Just for Laughs Comedy Event

In January 2009, "Just for Laughs" organizers again donated a considerable portion of the comedy event's proceeds to KatKids, this year totaling \$10,000.

Jackson Lang's Birthday Party

Jackson Lang celebrated his first year of life on February 21, 2009. His parents asked family and friends to make a donation to KatKids instead of buying the one-year old birthday boy a present.



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Just For Laughs – A Note from the Organisers

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Our 3rd Annual Just for Laughs Bermuda show took place January 8th-10th. We promised our “best show ever” and I think that most people will agree that we delivered! Scotland’s Danny Boy was definitely the crowd favourite. He was joined on stage by ost, Shaun Majumder (Canada), as well as Matt Kirshen (England), Tom Papa (USA) and Arj Barker (USA). Bermuda’s own, Jonathan Young, opened the show.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the Kathmandu Kids Club for the fantastic work they did recruiting and managing our volunteers. In particular, Jennie Lee O’Donnell, Julia Cook and James Thigpen deserve praise! Many thanks to all of the dedicated Kat Kids volunteers who worked

as ushers, ticket takers, will call attendants and merchandise sellers.

We are thrilled to report that we have donated \$40,000 to the club so far and look forward to seeing that number grow in the coming years.



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Membership Update

Exciting news to report! Our membership data is currently going through a transformation! Presently, all of our membership data has been kept on an excel spreadsheet. While this method worked well when we are a small club, as our club has grown, we have begun to need a more sophisticated system. Thankfully, our wonderful database manager, Stephen Benn, has been busy designing the Kathmandu Kids Club very own custom built database system. Our new database will help us to keep pace with our increased membership and the unique needs we have to serve all of our members as efficiently and effectively as possible. As we roll out our database, please do not hesitate to contact us at infor@kathmandukidsclub.com with any recommendations or suggestions.

Volunteers Wanted!

Would you like to get more involved in the Kathmandu Kids Club and make a real difference to children in serious need in Nepal? KatKids is still looking to fill its vacant volunteer managers' positions including Secretary, Volunteers (Bermuda) Manager, Website Content Manager and Publications Manager. If you have skills in these areas and would like to join our fun-loving, motivated and dedicated team of volunteer managers, please contact KatKids Chair, Kim Carter (kimcarter@logic.bm) or KatKids Vice Chair, Jennie Lee O'Donnell (kjiodon@logic.bm) for more information.