



RANGERS  
CHARITY  
FOUNDATION



ANNUAL  
REVIEW

2014  
2015



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Connal Cochrane , Manager of Rangers Charity Foundation

## Welcome

Welcome to our annual review for season 2014/15 which we hope will give you a flavour of the fantastic work we have carried out this year thanks to your generosity.

We've reached several significant milestones this season, from donating enough funds to pay for 800,000 vaccines as part of our ongoing immunisation project with Unicef to reaching our target of £100,000 to pay for the Family Lounge in the new Hospice for Glasgow.

We've also worked on an exciting new project with Maggie's and have been able once again to respond to an emergency situation by donating £5,000 to assist in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Nepal, as well as continuing to support community fundraisers and local projects and organise our Dream Days, Matchday experiences and hospital visits.

It's been a privilege as always to witness some of the results of our work, whether that is seeing the boost a hospital visit from a player can give a sick child or watching the men affected by cancer on our Making A Start course grow in confidence and fitness. We really can't thank our supporters enough for their incredible charitable spirit as without your help none of these initiatives would be possible. I hope you enjoy reading about the highlights of our season and share in our pride at what has been achieved.

Many thanks for your support.

*Connal*

Connal Cochrane  
Manager  
Rangers Charity Foundation

**NUMBER OF TRUE BLUE HEROES IN SEASON 14/15**



# Foundations For The Future

**2437**  
REQUESTS FOR HELP  
RECEIVED THIS  
SEASON

We've always had an extremely close relationship with The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. In fact, the Hospice was one of the very first charities we chose to support back in 2002 when the Rangers Charity Foundation was launched. It is a very special place and everyone who visits is struck by the positive, friendly atmosphere – not always what people expect from a hospice!

We were particularly proud to mark a significant milestone in our longstanding relationship with the Hospice this season when we reached our target, pledged 3 years ago, to raise £100,000 towards a new palliative care facility for the people of Glasgow. Our donation will pay for the Family Lounge within the new facility, a vital space that addresses a real need for patients and is at the heart of the Hospice's holistic approach and philosophy of care.

In May 2015, we were delighted to attend the Breaking Ground ceremony in Bellahouston Park which saw the first steps towards the creation of the new hospice - an amazing legacy for the city's people.

## Family First

Having his family to support him through what has been an incredibly tough time has meant the world to Ian Cochrane, a Rangers fan who received huge help and support from the hospice through his illness. Ian had leukaemia for 4 years before he was saved by a bone marrow transplant and his wife also had breast cancer at the same time.

*"At the start it was kind of daunting to come to the Hospice and it was always that wee bit of extra support to have my family with me although after a while you don't need it so much because of the way everyone is at the Hospice."*

*"My family has always been welcome and that has made a difference. My granddaughter has been coming here since she was a day old. It's got to be about families, and the new building will address that even more."*

*"I was a typical West of Scotland man. I thought I didn't need help, that I didn't need to talk to anyone, that I was strong. How wrong I was! You can speak to someone in here and it goes no further. I feel a million dollars when I leave the Hospice because what I have had inside has all been poured out."*



# People With Cancer Need Places Like This

In 2014, the Rangers Family lost one of its most beloved members to cancer – former player, fan, staff member and Rangers legend Sandy Jardine. In his memory, the Rangers Charity Foundation selected Maggie's as its National Charity Partner for season 2014/15 in recognition of the support the charity offered Sandy throughout his illness.

We were delighted to raise £25,000 over the course of the season for this fantastic cause and to work closely with Maggie's on delivering a special course for men with a diagnosis of cancer. We are also funding an extended opening hours pilot project for Maggie's Gartnavel to allow people with cancer who have returned to work and family and friends visiting the hospital in the evening to drop into Maggie's for support.

We very much hope Sandy would be proud of what we have achieved.

## Making A Start

Colin Berry attended the Making A Start course delivered by Maggie's staff and Rangers Sports Scientist Jim Henry and found the programme a fantastic support in his ongoing treatment.

*"I have benefitted hugely, it has opened my eyes. Now it's not just about getting my treatment, it's about looking after myself. The nutrition, the exercise, it's been fantastic. I've got a huge amount out of it and I can't speak highly enough of Jim either. I've lost 4 stone and I want to lose another 4 stone.*

*"I've had trouble sleeping and I've had a lot playing on my mind but when we were doing relaxation techniques I fell asleep and since then I'm now sleeping a lot better. It's been really good too to share stories with the other guys on the course."*

# 180

**KIDS AND ADULTS WHO  
WE ARRANGED TO  
MEET THE PLAYERS IN  
HOSPITAL, AT IBROX OR  
AT OUR DREAM DAYS**





# Protecting The World's Children

We marked World Immunisation Week in April 2015 by highlighting our commitment to Unicef's global immunisation programme and celebrating the fact that we have donated £250,000 to date – enough to pay for 800,000 vaccines to protect children against deadly yet preventable diseases such as measles, polio and tetanus.

We are on target to reach one million vaccines by the end of 2015 - a huge achievement which is testimony to the generosity of our amazing fans! – and we know our support of Unicef's vaccination programme is making a real and positive difference to the lives of children everywhere.

One child dies every 20 seconds from a disease that is easily and cheaply preventable by a vaccine and Unicef works every day to change that shocking statistic. The charity is the world's largest distributor of vaccines to the developing world, providing vaccines for one in three of the world's children and working in emergency situations such as in Syria to keep children safe from disease.

## Immunisation For All

In South West Chad's Békamba village, 23-year-old Idéita Kaltouma, a mother of two, is first in line at the health centre. To secure her spot, she showed up at dawn because she firmly believes in the benefits of vaccination.

Like all the other babies in line, Kaltouma's 12 months-old girl, Hanane Haroun, will receive her polio vaccination, a vitamin A supplement and a deworming tablet.

According to this young mother, the clinic generates a lot of enthusiasm among the local population: "Families in Békamba are lucky to have the health centre right here in our village. I come here with my children for routine vaccinations but also during vaccination campaigns. I make sure we always participate in the vaccination campaigns because they complement routine immunisation. Today, my daughter is very healthy."



**800,000**  
**VACCINES**  
FOR THE WORLD'S  
**CHILDREN**

**39,229 AND GROWING!**  
**FOUNDATION FACEBOOK**  
**FOLLOWERS TO DATE**





# Supporting Our Communities

Every season we help thousands of people up and down the country who are passionate about supporting a charity close to their heart. Last season we donated £247,000 worth of in-kind support in the form of auction and raffle prizes, tours, match tickets, can collections and other forms of assistance.

Providing committed local fundraisers with support is an important part of our in-kind work but we also donate kit to grassroots football projects and overseas initiatives and match tickets and Stadium tours to organisations working with some of Scotland's most vulnerable children and adults.

## Ending Hunger in Our City

Every day across Glasgow hundreds of people go hungry for many different reasons ranging from redundancy and illness to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income.

The Rangers Charity Foundation has been supporting our local food bank - the Glasgow South West Food Bank - for over a year and David Barr, who oversaw the service for much of that time, is incredibly grateful for that vital support.

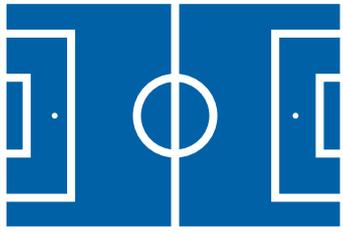
*"There are lots of reasons that people can find themselves in crisis. It is quite traumatic to see them come into the Food Bank in need of help. Imagine a young mother going without food for 3 days in order to feed her children - it happens all too often in Glasgow."*

*"No-one should starve and no-one should have to suffer the stress of going without food. That is why we are so grateful for the support of the Rangers fans and why that support is so vital."*

**85%**  
PERCENTAGE OF  
FUNDRAISING  
REQUESTS WE  
RESPONDED  
TO POSITIVELY

# We Love Making Dreams Come True!

**6,438 STADIUM TOURS DONATED**



One of the best days in the Rangers Charity Foundation calendar is undoubtedly our Dream Day, which is guaranteed to bring a smile to the faces of our special guests.

Twice a season, the Foundation invites a group into Rangers exclusive training ground to meet the entire first team, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility and watch the squad go through their paces.

Guests, who are generally nominated by their family and friends and are in need of a boost owing to an illness, disability or recent difficult experience, then travel to Ibrox for lunch and a tour of the world-famous Stadium. It truly is a Dream Day to remember.

## *A Chink of Sunshine*

13 year old Ryan James was just one of the kids who enjoyed Dream Day this season – especially because his parents kept it a surprise and told him he was going to the dentist! His face was a picture when he arrived at the training ground!

*"My favourite part of the day was meeting the players," he said, "They were really nice to me, they even gave me a signed shirt because I didn't have mine with me!"*

Dawn McMaster's brother Aaron also attended, and she was blown away by how happy the visit made him:

*"Thank you very much for organising a great event. My, the smile on my dad and little brother's face! They are both over the moon, such an amazing experience for Aaron. He has really come out of his shell since. He's not stopped talking about it."*



# Every Picture Tells A Story

We've had a busy year fundraising at the Foundation to make sure we can continue to support so many worthwhile causes. Here are just some of the highlights from our fundraising calendar this season.

50 fans hiked to the iconic Hollywood sign during the NARSA convention, raising \$13,000.



**Halloween  
Night Walk**

**638**  
kilometres  
walked by our  
supporters

Over 100 fans played on the hallowed turf at Ibrox as part of our ever popular Play on the Pitch day in June and raised an incredible £26,000!



A marathon race and football tournament were held by the Kirkwood family and friends in memory of Craig Kirkwood, raising £12,865 for the Foundation's project with The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.



We raised an amazing £57,000 at our Halloween Ball – a fantastic night which included a performance from Amy Macdonald and an appearance from Lurch and the Addams Family!



Three Foundation supporters travelled to the village of Woe in Ghana to help build a school for the children after raising funds for the trip as well as a donation to the Foundation and to local charitable projects in Ghana.



Foundation Manager Connal Cochrane raised £10,000 for our project with The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice by taking part in the Hospice's (A Little Less) Strictly Come Dancing event!

**If you would like to get involved in our fundraising activities by attending an event, volunteering or taking part in a True Blue Hero Challenge, please get in touch on 0141 580 8775 or e-mail [rangerscharity@rangers.co.uk](mailto:rangerscharity@rangers.co.uk). You can also follow us on Facebook or Twitter to keep up to date with all our news: Facebook - [www.facebook.com/officialrangerscharity](http://www.facebook.com/officialrangerscharity), Twitter - @RFC\_Charity**



Our first ever Blue Belles Lunch in May at 29 Glasgow was a blast and raised over £6,000 - make sure you're there next year!

The Foundation received a generous donation of £80,000 from the proceeds of the Fernando Ricksen Tribute match at Ibrox in January 2015.



# It's All Thanks To You!

*Without the commitment of our volunteers, fundraisers, True Blue Heroes and supporters none of this amazing work would be possible. Each and every one of the individuals who contribute to the Foundation, from Rangers players backing our campaigns to fans throwing their loose change into our collection buckets on a matchday, contribute to our success and our ability to make a real difference to the world around us.*

*The Rangers Charity Foundation could not exist without everyone pulling together for the greater good and it makes us proud that fans are so engaged with our work.*

*Thank you.*



## £27k



DONATIONS  
COLLECTED BY  
WORTHWHILE  
CAUSES AT OUR  
MATCH DAY  
**CAN**  
COLLECTIONS

# We Couldn't Do It Without You

*The Rangers Charity Foundation would like to thank all of our supporters, volunteers and fundraisers who together with staff and players help ensure that we continue to be a powerful force for good on behalf of the Rangers Family. We would also like to express our appreciation to the following individuals and organisations for their time, support and generosity during the 2014-2015 Season.*

*29 Glasgow, 105 Signal Regiment Royal Artillery, A & S Scaffolding, Agent Provocateur, Amy Macdonald, Andrew and Yvonne Devlin at Curtis Moore Group, Annette and George Bell at Bell Group UK, Arbonne, Bentley Edinburgh, Big Think Agency, Blue Parrot, Blythswood Square Glasgow, Brian Maule @ Chardon D'or, Bruce Dickinson, BT Sport, Butchershop Bar & Grill, Café Zecchino, Carlton George Glasgow, Clyde Business Travel, Crème de la Mer, Douglas Laing & Co Ltd, Elior, Geoff Ellis at T In The Park, Glasgow Club, Glasgow Marriott, Gordon Stewart and Julie Boland at Stewart Financial Management, Grand Central Hotel Glasgow, Hilton Glasgow, James Mortimer, Janette Burnett, Jim Henry, Johnstons of Elgin, Ken & Sheila Macleod, Kimberley Renicks, L & S Litho, La Barca Helensburgh, Life, Work – Sports Therapy, Lightwater Valley, M & Ds, Maggie's, Mar Hall Hotel and Spa, Megan Adams, Mike Saini at Regis Roofing Supplies, Northern Marine, OnTime Computer Services, Peter Lovenkrands, Players and Staff at Rangers Football Club, Roslyn Hutchison, SAMH, SGE Hotels, Shearer Candles, Sky Sports, Snow Factor Braehead, SPD Print Solutions Ltd, Specialized Security, Stephen Scott of Scotrae Productions, Taylor Ferguson, The Army, The Diamond Studio, The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, The RAF, The Royal Navy, Tom Miller, Trump Turnberry Resort, Tunnock's, UNICEF, Waverley Excursions, Willie Paterson*



**SIGNED ITEMS  
DONATED TO  
WORTHWHILE  
CAUSES  
THIS SEASON**



### **Bert Reid**

Thank you on behalf of myself and Andrew, who is over the moon with this donation. I would also like to thank the charity for all its great work along with its partners. You give us a special sense of pride in the Rangers family, in the work that you carry out assisting people less fortunate and people in need.

### **Annie Langridge**

Phenomenal charity - you are all doing a brilliant job. God bless all of you as its folk like you that puts my faith back in humanity.

### **Robert Jamieson (RCF / African Adventures trip to Ghana)**

My time in Ghana has totally changed my outlook on life. It has widened my eyes in ways you can't imagine. During our stay we did many activities with the children, such as playing football using the strips, bibs and footballs we took across, and the children could not be more appreciative which was very humbling – they really touched my heart which will live with me forever. I couldn't be prouder to be part of the ongoing construction of the school they are trying to complete in the small deprived village of Woe in Ghana. One day I will hopefully go back and visit the progress of the community and also see the many friends that I made.

### **Craig James Westwood (Dream Day)**

I loved meeting the all players. Lee McCulloch was the best he was funny and he tried to sneak a bite of my sandwich!

### **Claire McCunnie Glasgow Southwest Food Bank**

We are extremely grateful for these kind donations from the Rangers fans, including selection boxes for kids and festive items such as Christmas puddings and crackers. Your generosity has really made someone's Christmas!

### **Gary Bett (Play on the Pitch)**

A good day is an understatement! Best day of myself and my brothers lives :) Hoping you do it again next year, might even book in twice!

### **Iain McWhirter (MND Scotland)**

The support MND Scotland has received from the Rangers Charity Foundation has been incredible. The Foundation have really gotten behind us this year, particularly in raising awareness of MND through the pitch side Ice Bucket Challenge. The Rangers fans have been fantastic in donating and even organising their own fundraising events. Thank you!

