

PRESS RELEASE

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Oxfordshire runner singlehandedly raises over £11,000 so far for Zambian orphans



New Yatt resident, Nick Moglia, is running in the London Marathon on April 25th to raise sponsorship to help orphans in Zambia to go to school. Nick, 50, is Group Managing Director of Zycko, a Cirencester-based IT company.

“When I was asked by a friend, Julie Grime (Fundraising Support Officer at Cecily’s Fund) whether I would consider running the London Marathon for Cecily’s Fund, I have to admit to knowing very little about the charity,” says Nick, “From what I now know,

this is an extremely worthwhile cause and one which deserves a special effort, which is exactly what I will be giving it.”

Cecily’s Fund, also based in New Yatt, raises money to send Zambian children who have been orphaned or pushed into extreme poverty, to school. They do this by supplying the children with school shoes, uniforms, books and pens and helping them with school fees at secondary level. The HIV epidemic has created 1.2 million orphans in Zambia, 10% of the total population.

It costs Cecily’s Fund just £25 to send an orphan to primary school for a whole year and just £50 to secondary school. As a father of three himself, Nick is delighted to be able to give hundreds of children who don’t have fathers to help them a chance of a better future.

Using his contacts in the business world, Nick has so far raised over £11,000 so far – enough to send 440 children to primary school for a year – and he is still fundraising!

Nick started running in 2005 and now averages over 1,000 miles per year. He has already competed in approximately twenty-five 10K races, and in two half-marathons.

“I started my 16 week training schedule on January 4th, and this will see me cover over 700 miles. My target time is an ambitious 3 hours 15 minutes.”

To sponsor Nick go to www.virginmoneygiving.com/NickMoglia

Notes for editors:

Cecily's Fund was set up in 1998 in memory of Cecily Eastwood who died, aged 19 in a traffic accident while on her gap year in Zambia. Cecily's father is former British Ambassador to Switzerland, Basil Eastwood.

With funds raised by supporters in the UK, Switzerland and the USA, and working with local partner organisations, Cecily's Fund is currently supporting over 9,500 children in primary and secondary school. It also funds 35 young people to train as teachers and 50 a year as peer health educators to help teach other children about HIV and children's rights.

HIV has hit Zambia harder than almost anywhere else in the world. Already, one in five of all Zambian children are orphans and tens of thousands have been pushed into extreme poverty by the disease. HIV mainly affects adults, many of whom are parents. Many teachers have also been lost, are sick, or are frequently absent for funerals or to care for sick relatives.

Cecily's Fund won an Institute of Chartered Accountants' award for the clarity and user-friendliness of its Online Accounts in 2009.

Cecily's Fund is a UK Registered Charity number 1071660.

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