

Friends of Ndi Moyo (FONM) Newsletter - July 2006



Dear Friends,

Many thanks for your ongoing support. It has been a busy few months both for fundraising and for the Ndi Moyo palliative care team.

Special thanks to:

- Alice Owen and all at Christies. Alice raised more than £1000 by organising a sponsored walk and another £1000 (to be split between Ndi Moyo and another charity) by organising a pop concert at Christies. She is now in Malawi, volunteering for Ndi Moyo for 6 weeks.
- Seb Moore who raised more than £3000 by running the London marathon.
- Anne Stewart and Stephen Mullens for their generous donations.
- Laurence O'Kane who has supplied co-codamol for the palliative care centre.
- Bridie Gallagher, Mairead McKenna, students from St. Columba's Primary School, Mary McElhinney, K. L. Hobbs, Mary Jo Eastwood and students from St. Colm's High School.
- the whole of the Draperstown community who continue to be so supportive of Ndi Moyo.



UPDATE

Thanks to your support, the Palliative Care Centre is now up and running! Registration of patients has begun and a clinical officer and additional palliative care nurse will be recruited shortly. Catherine, a Hospice Uganda nurse, will be assisting with training and case management throughout August.

The Ndi Moyo team will continue to make home visits within a 10km radius of Salima and hope to buy 2 motorcycles for these visits.

MAUREEN IN MALAWI

Maureen Morgan has just spent 2 months in Malawi where she helped to set up administrative and accounting systems for the Palliative Care Centre, distributed medicines to patients, attended various clinics, helped with Home Based Care (visiting those patients who are unable to get to a clinic, either because there is no transport or because they are too ill to travel) and with the Ndi Moyo 'taxi' service which takes patients to the Government Hospital.



DID YOU KNOW?

Ndi Moyo buys Vincristine injections (chemotherapy) for 15 patients (including 3 children) with Kaposi Sarcoma (a skin cancer associated with HIV/AIDS). Each dose costs £3.

Food continues to be a struggle for the majority of Ndi Moyo patients. The Ndi Moyo team have been campaigning on behalf of their patients, trying to secure food aid for those who need it most.



MARATHON WITH A DIFFERENCE

In order to raise funds for Ndi Moyo, Hassan Pillai will be kayaking all 26.5 miles of the Macclesfield Canal during the week of August 6th. For this feat he has managed to secure £for£ match funding up to £750 from Barclays. If you would like to sponsor Hassan (and have the chance of winning a surprise gift from Malawi) please go to www.justgiving.com/KayakMarathonChallenge.

Good luck Hassan!

For more information go to www.ndimoyo.org and, to find out all the different ways you can help, please email enquiries@ndimoyo.org