

From The Chairman

Rana Plaza Disaster

First on the scene and now helping to re-integrate the injured into society, CRP's work for the victims of the Rana Plaza building collapse has been an inspiring example of care and professionalism. Treating paralysed patients, making and fitting prosthetics, and providing physio treatment have been the main tasks. Six months on from the collapse, CRP is now focusing on vocational training so that patients have the skills to find new jobs.

- 333 patients were registered with CRP for treatment - 168 In Patients and 165 Out Patients.
 - Of the 333 patients, 162 need some form of Vocational Training.
 - A small number of In Patients are still at CRP.



Generous financial support came quickly from sources across the world and CRP was able to treat all these patients free of cost. At the same time CRP's normal activities have continued without interruption.

- Over £130,000 has been donated to CRP through VTT specifically for the treatment of Rana Plaza victims – raised in various ways from individual donations to concerts, 'bring and buy' sales and 'bucket collections'.
- Other donations from Bangladeshi donors and other worldwide sources exceed £300,000. It is likely that any money not needed for immediate treatment costs will be put towards improving medical facilities.

The CRP staff has worked tirelessly and with great success to give a better life to so many of the victims. A sincere 'thank you' to everyone who has helped in so many ways.

Bertie Woolnough CBE, Chairman.

From our Treasurer, Michael Woodley

Speaking at the AGM, he stated that 2012/13 had been a good year, with higher income (£136,000) than ever before. This had been helped by Valerie's inspirational visit to the UK, and the hard work of many supporters. He noted that Administration costs remain close to 2% of income, mainly because of the generosity of supporters, who cover many expenses themselves.

One third of the income came from fundraising events of all types, whilst £36,000 was donated for Restricted Funds for specific projects.

He pointed out that Gift Aid increases all qualifying donations by 25%, and had contributed £11,600 to income in 2012-2013. **He urged those who were eligible to sign up for it.**

He noted that VTT donations still amount to a significant 7% of CRP's annual income, which has grown now to £2 million. There is much more income generation at CRP itself and this helps ensure its sustainability in the future. However our contribution continues to matter as it meets the costs of treating the poorest patients.

Please note the change in the Gift Aid declaration.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

Existing declarations will remain valid, but please ensure that a new Gift Aid form, available from the Administrator, is completed if you change your name and/or address or you cease to pay tax. New Gift Aid forms and envelopes (Yellow) bearing the new declaration are now available.

Brian Woodgate, Administrator.

2013 Annual Supporters Meeting – Brian Woodgate, Administrator, reports:

Fifty-three Trustees, members and supporters were present at our annual supporters' meeting. After an excellent 'light' curry lunch, provided by Mokhtar Hussain, Daphne Woolnough and helpers, the Chairman welcomed all present and outlined the latest news on CRP's response to the Rana Plaza tragedy. This took place only 1km from the main CRP compound in Savar.

Rob Marini, Head of Development of UK Sport, explained the project that is now beginning between UK Sport and CRP. The aim of the partnership is to help develop good sports facilities at CRP and to provide training to enable CRP staff to become coaches. The hope is that this will enable CRP to build up capacity that will lead to eligibility to qualify for the Rio Paralympics. Rob's hope was that by this time next year there would be better coaches at CRP.

Michael Woodley, Bryan Whitty, Margaret Hakim and Fahmida Begum stood down as Trustees. Michael Woodley and Bryan Whitty were re-elected and Nick Lack and Helen Mortimer were elected. Wendy Best, Margaret Hakim and Mr M. A. Rashid were co-opted as Trustees. Mr Rashid lives in Solihull and is already helping VTT with fund-raising in the Birmingham area. The Chairman expressed thanks to Fahmida Begum for her work and support during her term as a Trustee.

The Chairman thanked the editor of the Spring Newsletter for producing it and Area Co-ordinators for distributing it. He also thanked Theresa Keefe and Chris Hall for their work updating the news shown on the VTT website -

www.valerietaylortrust.org.

Jessie Flowers and Philomena Commons gave very interesting presentations about their time at CRP during recent months and their impressions of the progress being made at the Centre.

Anyone with packages to go to CRP were asked to contact the VTT Administrator who may be able to obtain assistance from a volunteer who was going out.

Fundraising Snippets

The Troubadours, a group of talented friends, were brought together by Wendy Best's daughter, Dulcie. They first came to the ancient Church House in Crowcombe, Somerset to sing for CRP in 1995. This year Dulcie's 13 year old daughter Maddie joined them singing and playing the violin.

As always Joyce Halliday and Jean Greswell did the spade work!
The result? £2,551 plus gift aid for VTT. Magnificent!



On Saturday 14th September, Iain Whitty and a team of 30 volunteers helped to collect **£1657** for VTT with a can/bucket collection prior to kick off at the Rangers v. Arbroath football game at Ibrox Stadium (Home of Glasgow Rangers Football Club). Thanks to Sarwar Hassan, Ross Gallagher and Glen McGhee for coordinating the volunteers and to all the volunteers for kindly helping out on the day.



Many thanks to all our supporters who have held events of all sorts to raise funds.

Details of some of these are on the VTT website.

Invitation to the Annual Supporters' Meeting

You are all invited to the 2014 Annual Supporters' Meeting which will be held on **Saturday 17th May, 2014** at **St. Paul's Community Centre, Rossmore Road, London, NW16 6NJ** at **2.00 pm**.

A light Curry Lunch will be available from 1.00 pm.

Please note this date in your diary now.

More details will be sent out nearer the time.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR VALERIE TAYLOR

Valerie Taylor has won the Rotary International award. She received a custom-designed trophy and US\$ 100,000 as prize money. The money, presented by award sponsor Richard Elman, is to help CRP take forward her humanitarian causes even further. In the Citation, the award committee said, "Her work restoring the lives of the paralysed here in Bangladesh is truly unparalleled. She has great compassion for the neglected members of Bangladesh's society."

This year's award was announced by The One Project, a scheme conceptualised and founded by Rotarian David Harilela. It is the first international humanitarian award launched by Rotary International District 3450 in Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia. Bangladeshi Rotarian Khondakar Shahidul Hasan, former president of Rotary Club Uttara, was the nominator for Valerie.

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