

VPF Network News

Dear Members and Friends

We are delighted to bring you updates from the Venture Partnership Foundation (VPF) network!

VPF enjoyed another strong year in 2011, growing its charitable giving to £454,000, with another £100,000 in social investments nearing completion. Through our 2011 due diligence, we engaged over 50 VPF members and pro bono volunteers from corporate partners. Thanks to their help we are on the way to closing two new deals with hot new social enterprises – Cool 2 Care and Greenlight Planet. Special thanks to Barclays, SVG Capital, Oliver Wyman and VPF members for helping to make this happen.

Thanks to all VPF members and the entire VPF network. With your continued financial and pro-bono support we have yet again been able to make a real difference to the charities and social enterprises we back during and more importantly - to those individuals that they support! The overwhelming majority of our investments in our award winning portfolio continue to perform well. Thank you all for your continued commitment to VPF!

We also hosted a series of fun, informative and thought-provoking networking events. The main highlight was the workshop on July 7th - Scaling: Finance Fit for Growth; Organisation and Systems; and Quality of Impact. The workshop was designed with input from the CEOs of VPF's portfolio charities and social entrepreneurs themselves about the major challenges they face on the road to impact in today's challenging environment. Stay tuned for news of 2012 events.

We are grateful to all who helped make the 2011 Ball "007 Bond Rally" a tremendous success – particularly our generous corporate sponsors, Barclays and SVG Capital and all who joined us on the night. It was a spectacular evening - raising a record total of just over £272,000!

This year's Annual Gala and fundraiser will be held at the Royal Courts of Justice on Thursday, November 8th, 2012. Get your masks on for a Venetian Carnival and join us for an evening of mystery and revelry. Enjoy an evening of networking and entertainment and help break our past fundraising records to support the inspiring social entrepreneurs in our portfolio!

Finally, as many of you already know, VPF's visionary founding Chair, Mike Risman, Managing Partner of Vitruvian Partners, transitioned the role of VPF Chair to Lynn Fordham, CEO, SVG Capital. The VPF team extends its gratitude for Mike's dedication and leadership during his tenure. Mike will be sending a separate communication shortly. We warmly welcome Lynn Fordham's new appointment. Mike remains actively involved on VPF's board in various capacities.

Many of you have been supporters since the beginning and some of you have recently joined us as new members. We have bold targets and aspirations in 2012 to grow our network, strengthen our portfolio, enhance our engagement and share our lessons learned. There are so many ways that you can help from upgrading your membership, referring friends and colleagues to become members – or getting your companies or organisations involved as VPF partners. As we grow the demand for committed volunteers grows too.

Thank you all once again from the VPF team!

Yours Sincerely,
Andrea Soccorso
Executive Director



The VPF Network Grows!

VPF Partners

Many thanks to Barclays, SVG Capital and the Danson Foundation as well as all VPF members who enable us to continue to support VPF entrepreneurs and to identify those next high impact leaders and organisations who may be tomorrow's game changers.

- The Danson Foundation has provided wonderful support to both VPF and our portfolio in generously contributing nearly £300,000 in grants and social investment, as well as in-kind support for VPF offices through Progressive Digital Media.
- Barclays has provided significant financial and pro bono support to VPF and its portfolio over the years. In 2011, Barclays continued its important support for VPF for an additional year with £95,000 including lead sponsorship at our 007 Charity Ball.
- SVG has continued its support for VPF with £50,000 of unrestricted funds. They also sponsored our 007 charity auction and ball which reflects their generosity and dedication to VPF. We look forward to further developing our relationship in the future.



Pro Bono Support

- Barclays, SVG Capital, Oliver Wyman and Weil, Gotshal & Manges have also provided invaluable pro bono support to VPF and its portfolio of charities and social enterprises.

Many thanks to you all.

VPF New Members

A very warm welcome to VPF's newest members to our network:

- Adrian Barrick, CEO, UBM Built Environment AND CEO of UBM Connect, recently joined VPF with a desire to leverage his skills to give back – and learn from – the social sector. Adrian is currently exploring VPF mentoring opportunities.
- Ajit Nedungadi, MD, TA Associates. Ajit currently serves as a VPF trustee and is active on VPF's social investment committee. Ajit will assume the role of contact point for VPF's new addition to the portfolio – Cool 2 Care - once the deal is closed.
- Perry Melton, COO Inmarsat joined VPF to learn more about social enterprise and organisations working towards sustainable development. Perry participated in VPF's 2011 due diligence rounds teaming with Oliver Wyman pro bono volunteers.

Share Your VPF News

In this issue, Barclays volunteers have shared their rewarding and motivating experience volunteering. If you wish to nominate a member for special recognition please contact Andrea.Soccorso@vpf.org.uk to share a feature for the next edition of *VPF Network News!*

The Salesforce Foundation – Advancing VPF's Potential!

The Salesforce Foundation (EMEA) have kindly donated 10 free licenses to Salesforce Enterprise Edition to bolster and strengthen current VPF procedures and processes. We believe our new CRM capability will help transform the power of our network!

Thank you Salesforce for bringing VPF into the 21st Century!

VPF Events

VPF Ball 2012 - A Venetian Carnival!

Put on your mask for an evening of mystery, sophistication and elegance! Join us for the VPF Venetian Carnival Ball and Charity Auction Thursday, November 8th 2012. Help support 18 inspiring social entrepreneurs and their dynamic organisations.

For more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities, individual table sales please contact Andrea Soccorso at Andrea.Soccorso@vpf.org.uk or on +44 207 936 6990.

Tables are sold on a first come first serve basis and previous years have sold out quickly - so book now.



VPF Runners for Good

On April 22, 2012, VPF made its debut in the London Virgin Marathon during this Olympic year.

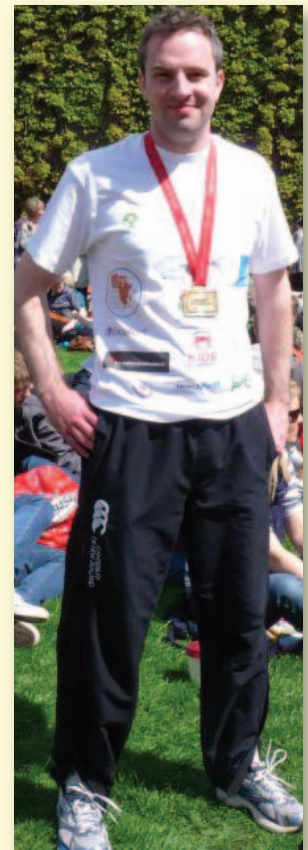
VPF Member and Oliver Wyman Partner, Catherine Hackworth - posed a double challenge to her brother, Christopher, to run the marathon on VPF's behalf.

Christopher successfully completed the marathon in an impressive 3h37 minutes raising an impressive £1,847.00 to benefit VPF.

Sourav Choudhury, also from Oliver Wyman raised an impressive £950.00 to support Marathon efforts.

Special thanks to Catherine, Christopher and Sourav and their generous supporters from the VPF team.

If you are interested in running for VPF, please contact Shameemah.Chota@vpf.org.uk.



Scaling "Inside and Out" – VPF Annual Conference 2012

The July 7th VPF Mini Conference on Scaling "Inside and Out" was a complete success. VPF's portfolio of social entrepreneurs came together with VPF Trustees and members to share lessons learned, insight and practical advice on major themes affecting Scaling. Themes covered were Finance, Organisational Development and Quality Impact. VPF Trustees led many of the sessions in addition to guest speakers: Vik Anderson, VPF Trustee; Paul Cheng, CAF Venturesome; Nick Temple, Social Enterprise UK; Mark Cheng, Chelwood Capital and Solar for All; Faisal Saigol.

Portfolio CEOs, members and volunteers found the session to be practical and informative addressing many issues affecting their organisations. VPF will hold similar discussions throughout 2012. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards making our mini conference a great success. For more information contact Andrea.Soccorso@vpf.org.uk.



VPF Portfolio New Additions!

Poised to Double Our Social Investment

We continue to utilise the skills of our community to good effect through the expansion of our social investments that bring further funds into the charity whilst also generating social benefit. The first of these investments, Training for Life, has now successfully returned all its capital and this together with our other commitments is helping us build credibility and a

successful track record in this burgeoning area. Our current investments total £350,000 having recently approved a further £200,000 investment in Riders for Health. Upon completion of current investments in two exciting social enterprises, Cool 2 Care and Greenlight Planet, this figure will rise to £550,000.

Cool 2 Care



Cool2Care is a new and innovative Social Enterprise, supporting families with disabled children or young adults. It was founded in August 2007 by Phil Conway, the father of a disabled child who saw a need in the market for trained, flexible childcare, and since then it has grown to over 60 staff and now covers many areas across the UK. Cool2Care is committed to providing the very best support for families with disabled children and young adults, enhancing their lives both in their homes and out in the community.

VPF was impressed by the important need that Cool 2 Care

addresses as care-workers or personal assistants (PAs) benefit an entire family - the child gets a friend to interact and play with while the parents get regular breaks and support with their caring roles. In addition, the VPF team was impressed by the first hand experience and understanding of the need addressed and therefore the solution, as well as Phil's passion, vision and credibility as the founding entrepreneur.

“Cool2Care is very excited to partner with VPF. We’re taking on a Social Investment, which means we need to deliver a return. This helps Cool2Care scale up, and enables VPF to make its funds go further“.

Greenlight Planet – Affordable Energy for All

Greenlight Planet is a young, fast growing social enterprise focused on bringing solar powered home lights into rural un-electrified developing world homes significantly reducing or replacing the use of harmful kerosene. Use of kerosene directly contributes to multiple health issues from respiratory disease and burns and of course - global warming. In addition to health and climate benefits, the sale, distribution and use of solar lighting creates jobs, increases availability of light enabling families to earn more from longer work hours and enabling children to study and improve educational outcomes.

Operating in India and Africa with manufacturing in China, Greenlight Planet impressed the VPF due diligence team and the Board of Trustees with its emphasis on cracking the distribution model to the “BOP” (Bottom of the Pyramid) market, its emphasis on creating local jobs by building a professional sales force. VPF was also impressed by Greenlight Planet's World Bank International



Finance Corporation (IFC)'s and Solar for All business competition awards for the technical quality of its products, as well its innovative Carbon Credit Partnership with JP Morgan to develop a pan-India carbon project. The goal is to get carbon credits for replacing kerosene lamps which emit carbon credits.

Greenlight Planet presented VPF an opportunity to invest in an exciting new social enterprise and to further diversify its portfolio presence in India – an exciting place for social entrepreneurship and innovation. Finally “We are very excited to be working with VPF. We look forward to working with the VPF team and board members to fine tune our strategy, assistance on future fund raising and other pro-bono projects to assist our growth. We also look forward to working with VPF's network of partners and social ventures to maximise our social impact.” Co-Founder, Mayank Seksaharia



Social Investment Success

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VPF (and its syndicate partners) have led the investment of \$860,000 over 6 years into Riders for Health, a social enterprise providing sustainable transport systems for the delivery of healthcare across rural Africa. The funding has been used to finance the continued expansion of Riders for Health's life-saving health transportation services.

Helping African governments improve healthcare through transportation

Millions of people in rural Africa continue to die of easily preventable or treatable diseases as lack of transportation prevents rural communities from being reached. Riders for Health helps Ministries of Health, NGOs and other healthcare providers in Africa to improve health outcomes by improving transportation and enabling equitable access to health care:

- Mobilising community healthcare workers to reach more villages in rural areas
- Enabling health centres to offer better services to their communities
- Speeding up the movement of test samples and results to and from laboratories

Riders for Health has developed a unique system of preventative vehicle maintenance and healthcare worker training, enabling public sector health services to reach over 11 million people with essential healthcare in eight African countries.

Case study: Fighting the spread of HIV and TB through motorcycle sample transport

Across Africa, laboratories used to detect and diagnose disease are often poorly accessed due to distance, terrain and poor transportation. In Lesotho, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Riders for Health now provides a network of specialist motorcycle couriers to transport diagnostic blood samples and results, part-funded by capital provided by VPF and its partners.

These couriers safely transport patient samples from rural health centres to the district laboratory, and deliver results promptly back to health centres. This reduces the delay in monitoring and diagnosing HIV and tuberculosis and allows patients to begin the correct course of treatment more

quickly. Evidence shows that effective sample transport can cut the delay in diagnosing and commencing treatment of infected patients by as much as one month.

Using a package of grant and impact investment to share risk

VPF and its partners have supported the expansion of Riders for Health's unique healthcare transportation services into new territories since 2006. Through a package of grant funding, advisory support and impact investment, Riders for Health has been able to share the risks inherent in launching these new services. To date, this package has included:

- \$300,000 in unrestricted grant funding to help fund the core costs of the charity as it scales
- Pro-bono professional support on developing Riders for Health's growth strategy
- \$560,000 of impact investment to support the capital requirements of new services



'Riders for Health has worked collaboratively and to great effect with VPF since 2006. They have helped us to strengthen and scale the reach of our services. A creative package that provides support where it is going to have greatest impact is rare', commented Andrea Coleman, CEO of Riders for Health. Charles Bleehen, a VPF trustee, added: 'We believe that Riders for Health has an opportunity to change the way healthcare is delivered in rural Africa and are delighted to support them'.

For further information

Short documentary films on Riders for Health by the BBC and the Skoll Foundation can be viewed on www.riders.org

About Riders for Health

Riders for Health is an award-winning charity and social enterprise, supporting African governments to build sustainable transport systems for the delivery of reliable health care. Riders for Health currently manages over 1,300 vehicles across eight countries in Africa, enabling 12 million people to benefit from improved access to health care.

www.riders.org

Portfolio Highlights

VPF Portfolio Sweeps Third Sector Awards

VPF was pleased to see VPF Portfolio clinch a number of impressive awards, including AfriKids (VPF Partner 2010) BeatBullying (VPF Partner 2008).

AfriKids, a child's rights organisation working to improve life for Ghana's most vulnerable children, won the Third Sector Award for Most Innovative Partnership with the Public Sector.



1 out of 9 children dies before the age of 5 years old. Ghana's Upper East Region has one doctor for every 36,000 people - compared with one for every 250 in the UK. The GAS Partnership is a collaboration between AfriKids, Ghana Health Service and Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust. GAS aims to increase capacity by providing training for Ghanaian staff and donations of equipment in seven hospitals in the Upper East Region of Ghana serving a total population of 1 million people. Healthcare professionals from Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust have travelled to Ghana to train more than 600 local professionals in maternal health, child health, safe surgery and emergency care. The partnership has also led to the donation of 54 beds, a mobile X-ray unit and other medical equipment. See <http://www.thirdsectorexcellenceawards.com/node/126> for the full article.

BeatBullying wins Third Sector Award for the Best Use of Digital Media with its Big March Campaign.



Beatbullying's Big March was set up to combine the campaigning impact of a march with the opportunities offered by new media.

The charity asked supporters to take part in a virtual march, in which avatars - digital representations of supporters - marched across the websites of 63 partners to show their opposition to bullying.

More than 900,000 people supported the campaign, which contributed to some of the charity's policy goals and at the same time raised £176,000 - all on a budget of only £18,000.

The march took place during AntiBullying Week 2010, which started on 15 November, and was complemented by the delivery of an offline petition to Nick Clegg, the Deputy Prime Minister, two days later. See (<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1096860/third-sector-excellence-awards-2011-use-digital-media-winner-beatbullying-big-march/>).

More BeatBullying News!

BeatBullying Secures £1.3 Million Award!

Nick Hurd announced that Beatbullying will be awarded a £1.3 million grant from the new Social Action Fund. Congratulations to CEO, Emma Jane Cross, the Beat Bullying team as well as Sarah Long and Lewis Bantin - VPF contact point and pro bono volunteer for providing key pro bono support to BeatBullying.



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Models for Growth: VPF, Barclays, Homeless International & Changing Faces

Barclays is a key corporate supporter of VPF through grants and equally important pro bono support through high calibre professionals with financial and other expertise. Barclays employees have enjoyed skills based volunteering projects across VPF's portfolio providing valuable support to strengthen their business and financial models, operations, fundraising and generally strengthen the foundation for growth. Barclays volunteers have also been key participants in VPF's professional due diligence process to help screen and choose new VPF partners.

Recent examples of this valuable interaction include two current projects with VPF and its partners, Homeless International and Changing Faces.



Homeless International

Homeless International (HI) addresses the needs of people living in slums and informal settlements in and around fast-growing cities in Africa and Asia. By supporting the development of local organisations, Homeless International helps communities to develop their own sustainable housing and infrastructure projects. Through its partners, it is now engaging in work in over 14 countries. For example, over the last year it has helped to improve water and sanitation facilities for more than 10,000 people in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Tanzania, and has been

working with its Tanzanian partner and a UK housing association to develop an innovative social rental housing model to demonstrate alternative solutions to housing the urban poor in Tanzania.

VPF has continued to work with Homeless International to assist the growth of its work. In the last year, Homeless International has expanded its reach to

new countries and partners, including in Angola, Burkina Faso and Nepal. VPF is also facilitating volunteer support from Barclays to help Homeless International increase its impact by developing a scalable and replicable financial and

operational model. The potential is huge and the work that VPF and Homeless International have been doing with the Barclays team on defining complex funding issues, exploring structuring options and getting feedback on potential market appetite for different structures and securities has been invaluable.

“Homeless International (HI) has an impressive track record over many years in providing support to slum dwellers in Africa and Asia and helping to develop sustainable and self-funding communities. Part of the challenge in doing this is not only attracting funding for grants, loans and awards to these projects but also developing a scalable repeatable financial and operational model to be able to increase the impact that HI can have materially. The potential for impact is huge and HI is intent on leveraging further every £ of funding that they deploy. The collaboration between VPF, HI and Barclays has been key to making this possible. We look forward to continuing to work together in the future to help fully exploit the opportunity that we have.” Larry English CEO, Homeless International and Mark Fisher, MD, Jeffries International, VPF Trustee and Contact Point for Homeless International.



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Changing Faces

Changing Faces is a charity dedicated to supporting and representing people whose lives have been affected by facial or body disfigurement – from burns, scars, cancer or any cause

(www.changingfaces.org.uk). It is led by founding CEO and visionary, James Partridge, who has experienced first-hand successfully overcoming challenges posed by disfigurement after severe burns.

VPF Trustee and Contact Point, Willem Baralt, works with Changing Faces to advise on strategic planning, succession planning, and the development of international expansion/replication strategy.

Changing Faces is in an exciting period of growth having recently become the official home of the Skin Camouflage Service taking it on from the British Red Cross at their invitation. Since it was established in 1975, it has helped tens of thousands of people all over the UK to grow in confidence and independence – and it is a natural fit with Changing Faces which already offers a gold standard package of empowerment, support and advice.

This exciting development prompted a need for Changing Faces to revisit its overall financial model – and a collaboration between VPF and Barclays highly skilled and experienced volunteers made this possible.

James Partridge says: “This new model will allow us to predict with confidence the scale of the philanthropic funding we need to find - from individual, corporate, charitable and statutory sources - in excess of £1.6m pa, a total which is exceedingly challenging in today's straightened times. Changing Faces has been delighted to have the pro bono support from VPF and Barclays volunteers in recent months to help us develop a robust model. The Trustees and senior management of the charity have long needed such a tool to enable us to envision the consequences of our strategic decisions and to help us mitigate financial risk as much as possible – so the independence, expertise and superb commitment of the Barclays volunteers have been absolutely invaluable to us in producing a credible and reliable method.”



What do Barclays Volunteers have to say?

"I have really enjoyed working together with colleagues from Barclays for Changing Faces. Providing James and Christine Muskett (Head of Operational Support) with a tool to help them achieve their long term vision, has been incredibly rewarding. It has also been a great opportunity to work together with bankers in different teams.

I have also found the approach of partnering with VPF to identify both charities and projects to be the right one. There are countless charities and with limited time to spend outside of work, it is difficult to select a cause where I can make a real impact. Since VPF has done thorough due diligence on a large number of charities in order to select Changing Faces, I feel confident that I am spending time in a way that can bring the most value." Barclays Volunteer

"My involvement in helping drive the strategic and sustainable direction of Changing Faces has been a truly gratifying experience. It has allowed me to participate engagingly and thoughtfully with the charity's leadership and has helped me better understand the issues concerning charities." Barclays Volunteer

"Successfully tackling today's tough social issues requires mobilising the right combination of resources: money, talent and time. With an added dose of passion and imagination we can drive successful models to greater impact. Recently the Skoll World Forum's leading thinkers and practitioners on social entrepreneurship called for greater collaboration across social enterprise, corporations and governments to scale successful solutions to benefit the communities and individuals we serve. The VPF Barclays partnership is an excellent example of this important collaboration in practice. At VPF we aim to establish more of these partnerships in the next few years. Working together we can truly make a difference". Andrea Soccorso, VPF Executive Director



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MyBnk - The New Radicals! VPF Partner 2010

MyBnk

MyBnk brings money and business to life in schools and youth groups with workshops, onsite/online banks and enterprise experiences using real money and marketplaces.

MyBnk's fun and interactive programmes arm young people with real life skills covering everything from budgeting and debt management to how money flows and student finance.



Since 2010, MyBnk have been working with VPF contact point – Chris Moffat, Founder and CEO of Ben's Cookies, the MyBnk team have been exploring lessons learned in franchise models and exploring approaches to international expansion. This founder to founder - entrepreneur to entrepreneur connection is mutually beneficial and we look forward to learning more as the partnership evolves.

Additional MyBnk highlights include:

In 2011 MyBnk helped 17,000 young Londoners learn to manage their money with 450 sessions in 104 youth organisation across 25 local authorities.

They have also started dozens of youth-led business, founded three new school banks, delivered nearly a thousand 1-2-1 Money Advice Service sessions, been at the heart of policy, revamped programmes and added new ones.

In 2012, **The Observer** and the **National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA)** named MyBnk



as the number one new radical project in Britain; bringing fresh and innovative approaches and methods in practical ways to transform society for the better.

Volans and **JWT** recently named MyBnk as one of the 50 Stars in 'Seriously Long-term Innovation' – for working to break the debt cycle, boost financial inclusion and reduce the burden on society.

Tried and tested methods from the poorest parts of London are now helping young people across the UK. Our first social franchise has launched with the **Cumbria Youth Alliance** and a second in Stockton-on-Tees with **Five Lamps**, two of the worst child poverty affected areas outside the capital.

MyBnk is part of a movement that's spreading our expertise to Ghana, Kenya, Nepal and Columbia via with **Save the Children**, China's **Better Education foundation** in

Shanghai and **PEDN** in Uganda. This international push is aided by CEO Lily Lapenna's recent appointment as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and MyBnk are heavily involved in the **All Party Parliamentary Group on Financial Education**.

With 70% of 18-24 year olds are already in debt, a lack of saving storing up a pension crisis, a £26,000 graduate liability looming and young people inheriting billions of another generation debts - MyBnk believe the need for financial and enterprise education is becoming a right.





PEAS: VPF Partner 2010

The last twelve months have been a period of tremendous growth for PEAS (Promoting Equality in African Schools). Highlights include the launch of George Secondary School (our first school in Zambia), the support of new donors such as The Danson Foundation – an exciting new partnership leveraged through the Venture Partnership Foundation (VPF)'s due diligence, network and advising - and the launch of our exciting new partnership with ARK (Absolute Return for Kids), the first two schools of which were launched just last week with special guests including the Ugandan Minister of Education, Jessica Alupo, and Sarah Ntiro (the first female university graduate in Uganda).



2012 is set to be an even bigger year, and PEAS' partnership with VPF has played a key role in our exciting expansions. One of the most transformative developments for PEAS in recent months has been the release of our 2012-2017 Strategic Plan, created with pro-bono support through VPF Member and Contact point, Catherine Hackworth a Partner from Oliver Wyman, a management consultancy firm connected to PEAS through VPF. This five year plan sets out our visions for **reducing poverty, promoting gender equality, and maximising the impact of universal primary education** through the widening of access to secondary education. With support from Catherine Hackworth, VPF Due Diligencer, pro bono volunteer & Oliver Wyman consultant Jenny Fitzgerald worked tirelessly in the UK and in Kampala to turn the aspirations of everyone from school Directors to CEO John Rendel into a vision-led document that will see PEAS enrol up to half a million children in quality, affordable secondary education over a twenty year period.

PEAS' Visions for Change are to:

1. Create 100,000 sustainably financed secondary school places in Uganda by 2017 of which 50% of places are reserved for girls.
2. Make PEAS schools the best free/low fee secondary schools in Uganda
3. Create 10,000 places across five new countries in sub Saharan Africa by 2017

Central to these visions are the thousands of children whose lives will be transformed every day by their secondary education in PEAS schools. Achievement against these visions has already begun, and since the start of the academic term in 2012, we have already seen the number of children walking into PEAS classrooms every morning grow by 92% to 4358 across 14 schools.

Students such as John (pictured right) at Onwards and Upwards High School in Buloba remind us what these numbers actually mean for an individual child. As a young boy, John led a fairly normal life in the Gulu district of northern Uganda, but at 9 years old, like one million other children in the region, his father was killed by rebels of the Lord's Resistance Army. He lived with his mother until she died of AIDS a year later. At 10 years old, John's world had imploded. Without access to a school like Onwards and Upwards, John would have struggled to afford fees for secondary school, and would have become one of the 75% of children in Uganda who are denied the life chances available to a child with a secondary education.

In 2012, PEAS aims to support thousands more children like John by launching a further 11 schools across Uganda and Zambia, investing in expansion work in our existing schools, and working to continually improve the quality of education PEAS' provides.

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ShelterBox (VPF Partner 2009)

ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that delivers the essentials a family needs to survive in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. A ShelterBox typically contains a disaster relief tent, blankets, water storage and filtration equipment, cooking utensils, a stove, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack and other vital items. VPF Member, Richard Bland, has been working to help raise the profile of VPF.

In 2011, ShelterBox helped 15,000 families affected by earthquake, flood, tsunami, drought, typhoon, conflict and other disasters in 20 countries. Preparation is the key to a rapid response, and in 2011 the charity continued to



increase its capacity to respond to major disasters by building stocks of key items of their aid package, and training 44 new ShelterBox Response Team volunteers to deliver aid.

In the UK, ShelterBox announced a charitable partnership with the National Association of Head Teachers, giving the Young ShelterBox programme access to 28,000 schools across the UK. The Young ShelterBox programme allows us to educate school children about disasters, disaster preparedness, and what they can do to help when disaster strikes. In 2011, over 100,000 children experienced ShelterBox for the first time.

ShelterBox volunteer numbers grew to over 330 volunteer speakers based around the country, who receive training and support via the new ShelterBox portal system. A new donations and database system, allowed us to process more donations than ever before (45,000 individual transactions to date). The ShelterBox International



Academy for Disaster Relief became an accredited training centre, and held its first courses in survival, advanced first aid, alongside 'ShelterBox experience' weekends.

VPF support helped the Cornish-based charity to open a regional office in London. With a base in London and a dedicated group of volunteers, ShelterBox has been able to run more events and take advantage of many more networking opportunities in the capital.

