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Our goal is to create a future where disabled children are active and lead independent lives.

Chairman’s review

What a monumental year 2012 was for disabled people. I was captivated, along with the rest of the nation, as we watched world-class athletes compete at the highest level of their talent, skill and ambition during the fantastic Paralympic Games in London. At Whizz-Kidz, we were proud to have played a part in the success of Team GB in Boccia and Wheelchair Basketball – and wheelchair athlete Hannah Cockcroft, who won golds in both the T34 100 and 200 metres, received her first sports wheelchair from Whizz-Kidz in 2007.

As always, our young Ambassadors were at the forefront – helping to improve the lives of young disabled people. Our Kidz Board worked closely with BA to secure the course of our corporate partnership, making recommendations to prepare Heathrow airport for the arrival of thousands more disabled competitors and spectators. This consultation led to many improvements in accessibility.

Our goal is to create a positive future for young disabled people. At Whizz-Kidz, we are passionate about empowering disabled children and young people nationally to reach their full potential at school, in higher education and in employment.

We promote active childhoods, full of freedom and we build ambitious futures. This record-breaking year, we supported more young people than ever before – providing 2,079 youngsters with the vital mobility equipment they need to lead active lives and achieve their goals. This is a 47% increase on 2011’s reach. In addition, through our Wheelchair Skills Training Programmes, work placements and opportunities to make new friends through our Ambassador Clubs and Residential Camps, we equipped 1,700 youngsters with the life skills they require to dream big and aim high. Meanwhile, Whizz-Kidz secured over 100 work placements with more than 60 companies in 2012. That’s over 100 more youngsters feeling confident, motivated and empowered with practical skills to enter the workplace.

70,000 disabled children are still waiting for their childhoods to start

Despite the fantastic results we’ve achieved, the reality is, there are still an estimated 70,000 disabled children in the UK waiting either for the right wheelchair or enhanced mobility equipment to enable them to lead active lives. We believe that every disabled young person has the right to a fun and active childhood and the chance to develop their full potential. That’s why we continue to lobby so determinedly – to ensure that paediatric mobility stays high on the NHS agenda.

In 2012 we worked with our NHS partners across the UK, which enabled us to reach more children and young people with the most appropriate equipment for their needs. We are keen to collaborate further with the NHS as widely as possible to transform wheelchair services through our experience, innovation and an unrelenting focus on the customers we support. Whizz-Kidz will continue working hard to impact policy at the highest levels within the NHS and Department of Health, and our pioneering ‘Child in a Chair in a Day’ initiative is gaining momentum.

Your support makes a difference

Thanks to continued funding from organisations including the Big Lottery Fund and BBC Children in Need, we are able to deliver our wide range of Kidz Unlimited services, so that disabled children and young people can enjoy their childhoods and are invested with essential skills to embark on their journey into adulthood.

The London Marathon continues to be our flagship event and raised an incredible £1.2 million for Whizz-Kidz in 2012. The many hours spent training and fundraising helped to transform the lives of disabled children and young people all across the UK, so I’d like to thank all our supporters for their dedication and outstanding achievement.

In 2012 we were also delighted to be part of ITV’s fundraising appeal, Text Santa. This appeal raised an incredible £916,000 for Whizz-Kidz which helped support the independence of hundreds more disabled young people.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank all of our supporters, the Whizz-Kidz team and the many children and young people who act as Ambassadors for the Charity. Your help really does make a difference and I look forward to working with you in 2013 to improve the lives of more young disabled people.

Sir David Reid
Chairman
Whizz-Kidz’s Board of Trustees
In 2012 Whizz-Kidz helped to transform the lives of more disabled children and young people than in any other year in the charity’s history.

- More than 2,079 disabled young people gained independence through the provision of the right mobility equipment. This is a 47% increase on 2011’s figures.
- More than 750 young people regularly attended an Ambassador Club.
- 97% of children and families were satisfied with the equipment we supplied.
- 48 Ambassador Clubs in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- 110 young people benefitted from a Whizz-Kidz Work Placement.
- 60 companies supported disabled young people by offering work placements.
- 803 children and young people gained confidence in using their mobility equipment through our Wheelchair Skills Training courses.
- 488 young people took part in Life Skills Training in 2012.
- More than 1,700 young people benefited from Kidz Unlimited services.
- Whizz-Kidz voluntary income for the year was £5.5m.
- Our income from NHS partnerships was £2m.
- An independent evaluation by Ekosgen found that 90% of volunteers feel valued for what they do at Whizz-Kidz.
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- 1,440 adults were supported last year through equipment services in Tower Hamlets, Plymouth and Lincoln.
- 100% of adults in Tower Hamlets were satisfied with the Whizz-Kidz equipment they received.
We want to continue to work with the NHS to give young people the right mobility equipment so disabled children like Jamie can enjoy school, play with their friends, and no longer need to be pushed around by parents, siblings or teachers. We want to set them on the path to becoming independent young people.

### Delivering services for adults through NHS partnerships

Most people know Whizz-Kidz for our innovative work with children and young people. But in our NHS partnerships, sometimes children’s and adults’ wheelchair services are combined. So now we’re bringing our experience and expertise to many adults too. We’re proud to be able to give them the chance of an independent future where they can play an active part in their communities and society.

Last year Whizz-Kidz supported 1,440 adults through wheelchair services in Plymouth, Lincoln and Tower Hamlets. Leading economic experts, Frontier Economics, looked into the effects of Whizz-Kidz’s support for adults in Tower Hamlets and found it lowered the costs of wheelchairs, shortened waiting times, and saved additional healthcare costs. Our partnership with Tower Hamlets for adult wheelchair services has virtually eradicated the waiting list for mobility equipment in the borough, and achieved 100% satisfaction rates. Indeed, Frontier Economics found that Whizz-Kidz improves the overall value of adult wheelchair services in Tower Hamlets by 30-40%.

### Making a world of difference to Stephen

Stephen is an adult who benefited from Whizz-Kidz wheelchair services at Tower Hamlets by receiving a powered chair.

Stephen said:

“Getting this chair has changed everything – the way I eat, the way I feel, getting out and about – like round the park with my wife. It’s made a world of difference, it’s made me confident again.”

### Jamie’s wheel ambition

Rebecca, a Whizz-Kidz Mobility Therapist who assessed Jamie said:

“Jamie is a fun loving and charming 12 year-old boy, who lives at home with his Mum, Melissa, and uses his wheelchair or his two prosthetic limbs to get about. Jamie is a very keen sports enthusiast and has a burning aspiration to get into disability sport and in particular, wheelchair sprinting. When Jamie and his mum came to visit me, Jamie’s love for sport and his desire to do a wheelie in his wheelchair was something I took into consideration, alongside all of his other clinical and lifestyle needs.

I am delighted to say that through the partnership of Whizz-Kidz and the NHS, we were able to give Jamie a light-weight, active user wheelchair. With his new chair Jamie can now take part in sports and… best of all, he can do wheelies!”

More can be achieved together than apart, so Whizz-Kidz works closely with the NHS. We’ve seen how difficult it can be for families to get hold of the right wheelchairs on the NHS, so we’re doing what we can to make it easier.

In 2012 we worked with NHS partners in 11 regions in the UK, to deliver wheelchair services. We have a holistic approach – our Mobility Therapists determine the best possible outcomes for each young person and their family in direct consultation with them. While clinical needs always come first, our decisions are also based on their social, environmental and lifestyle needs.

One child who benefited from the partnership between Whizz-Kidz and the NHS in 2012 was Jamie.
Leading innovation

We have a proven track record of developing and implementing pioneering approaches to create a better experience for the young people and families that we help.

While some of the children we help have very complex needs that require highly specialised equipment, many can now take home their equipment on the day of their assessment. We call this our ‘Child in a Chair in a Day’ initiative. Through our innovative ways of working and NHS partnerships, we are able to deliver Child in a Chair in Day in 70% of routine cases.

As well as providing huge benefits to the children who can start to live active lives immediately, there are also important benefits for the NHS, including efficiency savings and better clinical outcomes. Our Child in a Chair in a Day work has been held up by Sir David Nicholson (Chief Executive of NHS England) as a high impact innovation.

One child who benefitted from Child in a Chair in a Day in 2012 was William.

Child in a Chair in a Day - William

Thelma, William’s mum said:

“When we learned that William’s condition would affect his growth, we were determined not to hold him back or wrap him up in cotton wool. He’s a real character and, like any other child, wanted to keep up with his older sister and his friends.

We applied for a chair from Whizz-Kidz and were surprised how quickly things happened.

After chatting to our local Whizz-Kidz Mobility Therapist, we filled out a form about what we like to do as a family, William’s measurements and hobbies, and the nature of his condition. Whizz-Kidz turned up with just the right powered wheelchair for him and he was able to whizz around in it right away”

brining our services to kids’ doorsteps

Because we are always looking for ways to innovate, in Autumn 2012 thanks to funding from the Department of Health, we introduced our ‘Van in a Chair’ initiative. Man in a Van is our name for mobile clinics which help us deliver our ambition of giving as many children as possible their chair on the day of assessment (Child in a Chair in a Day). By assessing needs and delivering equipment to their own homes, we can fit around families’ busy lives and schedules, saving them time and effort.

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A snapshot of Ekosgen’s findings:

- **Increased independence**
  Kidz Unlimited services help young people to overcome barriers to independence. A remarkable 100% of young people who were asked, reported that they felt more independent after completing Wheelchair Skills Training.

- **Increased confidence**
  91% of young people who completed Wheelchair Skills Training said that they now feel more confident about when and how to ask for help.

- **Making friends**
  74% of parents said their children made friends through Ambassador Clubs.

- **Improved health and wellbeing**
  Ekosgen found that Wheelchair Skills Training makes young people more independent in their wheelchair and less reliant on their parents, reducing the physical strain on their family. The mental health of families can also be improved from seeing their child happier and more confident, and through meeting others in similar circumstances to themselves.

**Ambassador Clubs**

More than 750 young people regularly attend a Whizz-Kidz Ambassador Club across the UK. In 2012, 6 new Ambassador Clubs started, bringing our grand total to 48 regional clubs. Ambassador Clubs are often the first and only place young wheelchair users get the chance to have fun and make friends with other youngsters they identify with. Young people have reported that they feel more confident and independent after attending Ambassador Clubs, where they have had the opportunity to make new friends, have fun, learn life skills and act as mentors to younger Ambassadors.

**Wheelchair Skills Training**

In 2012, our teams of Wheelchair Skills Trainers trained more participants than ever before, with 857 young people attending 90 separate events. Each young person who did Wheelchair Skills Training had the opportunity to develop their spatial awareness, skills in dealing with different surfaces and ramps, road safety skills and awareness of how to care for their equipment.

**Getting Adam moving, and mum support**

Rachel, Adam’s mum said:

“Adam’s Whizz-Kidz Wheelchair Skills Training has made an enormous difference to my family’s life. It was the first time Adam, who is six, had space to play with friends using powered chairs. I cannot express what it meant to see him have some independence. Life can be full of challenges when your child is disabled. Mentally, it is very hard. Having the opportunity to spend time with other parents who understand, at events like Wheelchair Skills Training, is very helpful.”

Sam from Northern Ireland said:

“I really enjoyed the Young Leaderz Camp. I gained lots of new skills and made lots of new friends, and now I feel more confident to be a leader in my club.”

No child to miss out

We know that the right mobility equipment can transform the life of a disabled child, often overnight. We also know that receiving the right wheelchair is just the start of a young person’s journey to become more independent. Because of this, we use our resources to reach disabled young people who need us, and make sure they have access to all of our additional services (known as our Kidz Unlimited programme).

In 2012 our Kidz Unlimited programme got a seal of approval from an independent evaluation conducted by economic, social and regeneration specialists, Ekosgen, who looked at the impact of our services for young disabled people, their families and Whizz-Kidz volunteers.
Paige is a 20 year old power wheelchair user who spent two weeks on a work placement through Whizz-Kidz. This experience developed Paige’s CV and contributed to her being offered a place at university.

"Last year, I did a work placement in the Communications Department of East Hertfordshire District Council. It was my first work placement and needless to say I was nervous.

On my first day, I went into the office and was greeted by my boss. She told me to get settled, but, in my usual sophisticated style I positioned my wheelchair under my desk and reversed straight into a filing cabinet! Wow, not a good start. The office went quiet and everyone looked in my direction. I went bright red and wanted the ground to swallow me up. Then the guy next to me said; ‘I never liked that cabinet, I always thought it needed a bit of roughing up. Nice to meet you’, and that’s when I knew everything would be just fine.

All in all, my work placement was amazing. I gained useful skills, had hands on experience, built a social network. My placement went well and I was offered a permanent job.

Camp Whizz-Kidz
Camp Whizz-Kidz is a unique and vital service which provides short break residential camps for young disabled people. Camp is an important rite of passage for disabled young people – the chance to stay away from home and their parents / carers, sometimes for the first time. Camp Whizz-Kidz also gives disabled children a chance to develop the life skills they need for an independent future. The experience for most is transformative.

e-learning
We offer e-learning opportunities to young disabled people and create an environment where they can provide peer to peer support for each other on a range of issues. In November 2012 Whizz-Kidz was recognised with a bronze award at the prestigious e-Learning Awards with our partner, Kineo.

Camp – a place for Ella to be herself
Before Camp Whizz-Kidz, Ella was bullied at school. When she came to camp, she really shone during drama and creative activities. As a result, Ella has now integrated better at school.

Ella says: “I’ve learned how to deal better with relationships with friends and family.”

Ella’s mum says: “I couldn’t praise it enough. Camp offers a place where young people can be independent and be themselves.”

Whizz-Kidz is committed to empowering and equipping young people with the skills they need to fulfil their potential. We do this in a variety of ways including: our Work Placements programme, Camp Whizz-Kidz, e-learning modules and Life Skills training.

Work Placements
Young disabled people have told us that they find it difficult to secure work experience. They are often left on the sidelines while their classmates go off to take part in exciting opportunities. That is why we introduced a work placements scheme to give them access to a range of work over a variety of sectors.

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Kidz Unlimited Awards

In February 2012, we celebrated the skills, talent and achievements of our Ambassadors and volunteers in our first ever awards ceremony (the Kidz Unlimited Celebrating Achievement Awards) at the House of Commons. Hosted by Stuart Andrew MP, the ceremony had some very special guest award-givers including: the Leader of the Opposition, the Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP; Ade Adepitan MBE, sportsman, Paralympian and television presenter; and Alistair Campbell journalist, political aide and author. We are incredibly grateful to international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer who supported the Kidz Unlimited Awards.

KIdz Board

The Kidz Board consists of 12 young people aged 13-18 who have all benefited from having mobility equipment from the charity. They are key representatives of Whizz-Kidz. In 2012 the Kidz Board completed a fun-packed ‘Whizz Wheel Challenge’ which involved auditing and making recommendations to Glasgow City Council on the accessibility of the city’s public transport in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in 2014. The Kidz Board teamed up with staff from one of our corporate partners, Motion Coors, to visit as many landmarks in Glasgow as possible, only using public transport. The big treat after the Whizz Wheel Challenge was a lavish Harry Potter themed party!

British Red Cross – be a first aid whizz!

In 2012 we started a partnership project with the British Red Cross, which aims to train disabled young people in the delivery of every day first aid and eventually equip them to deliver training to their peers. This programme has been developed with the direct input of young people, and in particular a steering group of Ambassadors and our Kidz Board.

Campaigning

We’re always working hard behind the scenes to raise awareness of the challenges facing disabled young people and doing what we can to keep the subject high on the agenda. Our young Ambassadors take the lead with campaigns at both a local and national level.

Daniel makes a difference

“I love campaigning with the Newcastle Ambassador Club because it makes me feel empowered and I know we can all make a difference as a group. I also feel inspired when I hear about other campaigns that Whizz-Kidz Ambassadors across the UK have developed. For example, last year MPs, Members of the European Parliament and local councillors took part in a wheelchair obstacle course organised by the Stoke Ambassador Club. This was part of the club’s ‘Less steps, more ramps’ campaign which focuses on accessibility in Stoke City Centre.”
Together not apart

Whizz-Kidz volunteers, fundraisers, campaigners, our NHS partners and our cross-political champions all work together in the interest of supporting disabled young people’s independence - together we are stronger.

Volunteering

Whizz-Kidz relies on people who are willing to offer their time as a volunteer. Volunteers support the delivery of our services, and help us to raise awareness of mobility issues, as well as raising funds, across the UK.

Our volunteering opportunities offer people of all ages and abilities the chance to contribute and gain new skills and experiences. In recognition of our commitment to our volunteers, last year Whizz-Kidz was awarded with ‘Investing in Volunteers’ accreditation by Volunteering England. This recognises good quality volunteer management and involvement.

Eakins’ independent evaluation of Whizz-Kidz services found that 90% of volunteers feel valued for what they do at Whizz-Kidz and the same percentage say their volunteering has helped them to improve existing skills and gain useful experience.

Social media – thanks for your support!

In 2012 our online voice extended to new heights - our Twitter followers and Facebook fans surpassed 10,000 and almost 4,000 respectively, with more fundraisers, journalists and young people contacting us via social media than ever before.

Geoff’s journey with Whizz-Kidz

Geoff is a fundraising volunteer in the north of the UK and has been volunteering at Whizz-Kidz for a remarkable 20 years! Geoff says:

“My volunteering journey started after my daughter, Ruth, received her first wheelchair from Whizz-Kidz when she was five. My wife and I were in awe of the work Whizz-Kidz does and we have remained involved ever since. I have thoroughly enjoyed fundraising for Whizz-Kidz, especially since my retirement. My highlights include successfully placing 176 collection cans in and around Bolton and raising over £1,200 in 2012 alone”
Whizz-Kidz and the Paralympic legacy

In 2012 we were all cheering loudly as Hannah Cockroft, who received her first sports wheelchair from Whizz-Kidz, won two gold medals at the Paralympics. We are committed to building on the legacy of the 2012 Games to create a better tomorrow for young disabled people across the UK, not just in sport but across society.

In April 2012 the Kidz Board worked with Transport for London (TFL) to do an accessibility audit of all public transport in London including: bus, tube, DLR, overground train and river bus to get London ready for the 2012 Games. Young Ambassadors also worked closely with Heathrow to improve the airport’s accessibility for disabled passengers.

George: Giving Heathrow a ‘wheelchair road test’

“I was thrilled about the opportunity to work with my fellow Ambassadors and Heathrow to make the airport ready to receive thousands of disabled passengers – not to mention Paralympians - ahead of London 2012.

Our task was to give Terminal 5 a ‘wheelchair road test’ – including getting through security and even boarding a plane (unfortunately not taking off)! Some of the changes Heathrow made in 2012 following our feedback were increasing the number of specialist lifts used to help disabled people get on and off an aircraft – which exceeds any other airport in Europe - new accessible toilets and an onsite wheelchair repair service.

We even got in the media – with Whizz-Kidz Ambassadors going on Sky News, the BBC, ITV, and featuring on Channel 4’s Jon Snow’s Paralympic Show.

The legacy of the changes we made during the Paralympic year will continue to benefit disabled passengers for years to come – and the Games themselves were a hugely enjoyable success.”

Picking up the baton after the Paralympics

Like the rest of the UK, we were inspired by the Paralympics and have high hopes for the legacy of the Games to have a ripple effect across society. That is why at the end of 2012 we launched a consultation, called ‘Generation Inspired?’, to gather our Ambassadors’ voices, experiences and recommendations for the legacy of the Paralympics, particularly focusing on how to carry on the spirit and inclusivity of the Games into everyday life.
Fundraising showcase

Every wheelchair we supply, training course we run and residential camp we staff, is thanks to the people and organisations who support us. This year, like every year, we are hugely grateful for the many different ways people have chosen to get behind our work and give their time, money or encouragement.

Trusts, Statutory and Lottery
Donations from our supporters, ranging from charitable foundations and lottery funds, to statutory departments totalled £237.4m, showing our funders’ incredible commitment to our services and the difference that we make to the lives of young people in the UK.

Helen, Trusts, Statutory and Lottery Manager:
“2012 was a successful year for our Trusts, Statutory and Lottery team. We are extremely grateful for new grants, including a £60,000 three-year award from the City Bridge Trust, the City of London Corporation’s Charity, for our life skills Camps. In 2012 we were able to give more disabled young people opportunities through our Work Placements programme, thanks to grants from the Royal Masonic Trust for Boys and Girls and the True Colours Trust, who funded a new staff post in the north of England.

We also continued cherished partnerships with some longstanding supporters such as the Big Lottery Fund, The ACT Foundation the Department for Education and the Department of Health. A grant from valued supporters, BBC Children in Need Fun and Friendship, allowed us to grow our Ambassador Club network in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.”
La part i is t year over £1.5m in “After 13 miles the problems started. My right knee, which had been sore for weeks – started to seize up. Only the crowd, and thinking of the finish and the children I was running for, kept me going. But that final seven or eight miles was fantastic. and the children I was running for, kept me going. By the time I passed Whizz-Kidz’s supporters at mile 23, I was loving it. I hit the finish in five hours and the 70,000 you texted me during the race. And the runners who were raising money for our cause were out in their masses. For the 6th year in a row, Whizz-Kidz were the Corporate Partner of the London Marathon.”

Nathan: Fun and fundraising at the Neon Nightwalk “As representative for London on the Kidz Board, it was great to take part in Whizz-Kidz’s second Neon Nightwalk which is a 10 mile sponsored walk around the capital in fancy dress! 160 people took part. It started in Victoria at Whizz-Kidz HQ and went past iconic sites in London including the River Thames, Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, London Eye, Tower Bridge, Tower of London and Buckingham Palace.” In 2012 we had 60% more people taking part in the walk than in 2011 and we raised a fantastic £35,569.

Corporate Partnerships Our corporate partners raised an amazing amount in 2012 and helped to transform the lives of disabled children right across the UK.

A big thank you to IHG who raised £49,000 and provided ongoing support by providing work placements for our Ambassadors within their hotels. Cable and Wireless Worldwide donated £100,000 to further improve our Kidz Unlimited website. Travis Perkins Supply Chain Division raised an incredible £122,000 in the year, culminating in a live final of Travis Perkins Got Talent which raised £254, above! Thanks also to GMI who continue to support us for the 6th year and raised another fantastic £16,000.

We were delighted that Heathrow chose Whizz-Kidz as their charity of the year which raised over £150,000 in the process. As well as raising vital funds, our partnership with Heathrow also provided us with a platform for raising awareness about our work and the 70,000 youngsters who are still missing out on the right mobility equipment.

One major highlight was our work with ITV. Whizz-Kidz was one of six charities chosen by the broadcaster to benefit from their Text Santa Appeal. This appeal raised over £916,000 and helped disabled children across the UK get the right wheelchair for them – a great Christmas present. Following the show, Whizz-Kidz saw a 199% increase in individual donations through the Whizz-Kidz website, and a 115% increase in the number of people looking to volunteer.

One child who featured on ITV Text Santa’s appeal and benefited from a new wheelchair from Whizz-Kidz was Sophia (pictured right with double Paralympic gold medalist, Hannah Cockroft, who received her first sports wheelchair from Whizz-Kidz).

Sophia: ‘I’m so excited, I’m speechless’ Jennifer, Sophia’s mum said:

“Sophia is a bubbly and confident 8 year old who has cerebral palsy which limits her movement. Sophia was provided with a powered wheelchair by her local wheelchair service, however she found it uncomfortable and that made it difficult for us to enjoy trips together as a family. In addition, Sophia’s old powered wheelchair had no riser feature, so she couldn’t always reach things and found it difficult to participate at school because she was so much lower down than her peers. We felt that her old wheelchair was limiting her ability to have an active childhood. When Sophia received her new riser wheelchair she said: “I’m so excited, I’m speechless!” Sophia has now gained independence and is able to live life to the full. Her speedy new wheelchair enables her to keep up with her friends in the playground and take part in dance classes. It has made a massive difference.”

Events Last year over £1.5m was raised from 1,050 people taking part in events. £1.2m came from our largest fundraiser in the calendar, the London Marathon.
Regional Fundraising
Whizz-Kidz in the region is growing stronger each year. Our team of Regional Fundraisers and fundraising volunteers meet and work with lots of different people, from families who have benefited from the support of Whizz-Kidz, to local employers choosing us to inspire their staff.

- In the North West particular thanks go to Warburtons for raising £25,000, and to two intrepid cyclists Peter Holland & Patrick Milroy who raised an astonishing £30,000 over a 3,250 ride from Los Angeles to Boston.

- In the North East we held our very first regional dinner in Hull, and kick-started some fantastic partnerships with local organisations including creative agency Strawberry and Hull College.

- In the Midlands, special thanks must go to the Grand Prize Bro Terry Bllington, and the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes UK who chose Whizz-Kidz as their charity of the year and donated a total of £19,000.

- The South West region is grateful for support from Saltteam Rotary Club, Newquay Lions Club and Towan Blystra Lions Club. Also to St Michaels Lodge and Towan Lodge who joined forces to support local children.

- The South East saw some great local partnerships, including a £20,000 fundraiser from the Captain’s Charity Golf Day, at Wentworth Club in Surrey.

- In London, thanks goes to North London Collegiate School who fundraised for Whizz-Kidz throughout their Spring Term, and Poplar Harca who held a fundraising dinner in December.

- Scotland received some amazing support from corporate partner Molson Coors (Scotland), where aside from fundraising, staff volunteered at Ambassador Clubs and hosted young people at events.

- In Wales, we forged key relationships with Cardiff City and the Newport Dragons.

- Meanwhile in Northern Ireland we had vital support from the likes of the Progressive Building Society’s community awards scheme, and teamed up with the Belfast Knights wheelchair basketball team and Disability Sport NI to celebrate International Wheelchair Day.

Individual Giving
Whizz-Kidz relies on the very generous support of our individual donors.

Last year, thousands of people gave the charity one-off, or regular gifts by direct debit or through their payroll. These straightforward acts of kindness gave new hope and independence to disabled children throughout the UK. Our sincere thanks go out to these donors and to the many others that helped our charitable mission last year through a gift in their will or a donation made in memory.

Thanks to a major donor and a major friend to Whizz-Kidz
We are extremely grateful for our continued friendship with Charlotte Grabbin, founder of Give It Away Ltd, who last year kindly donated £26,500 to support the Kidz Board, Kidz Unlimited Awards and helped us to provide further equipment for young people on our waiting list.

David White, Head of Marketing and Strategy, Molson Coors (Scotland) said: “Molson Coors is delighted to be able to use our association to provide memorable experiences for Whizz-Kidz Ambassadors. We are very proud to work alongside Whizz-Kidz. The charity does fantastic work, and we will continue supporting them in the future, doing our utmost to raise funds which go towards those kids that can really benefit from the work Whizz-Kidz does.”

Whizz-Kidz Ambassador, Ayesha said:
“In January 2012 I helped Newport Dragons flyhalf, Jason Tovey launch a ‘Whizz-Kidz in Wales’ fundraising drive at the home of the Newport Dragons, Rodney Parade.”

Jason said:
“As a professional rugby player I spend every day training to keep at the top of my game. Never having a problem with getting around, it’s easy to take your mobility for granted, but meeting Ayesha and seeing how life-changing having the right wheelchair can be, is astonishing.”
Finance and accounts

### Income

- NHS contracts: £2,010,000
- Corporate: £646,000
- Events: £1,504,000
- Statutory and Trusts: £2,384,000
- Regional: £576,000
- Individual Giving and Major Donor: £384,000
- Other: £48,000
- **Total**: £7,552,000

### Expenditure

- Mobility equipment: £2,390,000
- Mobility services: £1,671,000
- Awareness and Young People: £1,161,000
- Running costs (governance): £44,000
- Fundraising and publicity: £1,984,000
- **Total**: £7,250,000
Promises

1. In 2013 we promise to provide more pieces of equipment to fit disabled children and young people’s active lives.
2. We will collaborate more widely with the NHS. We are committed to working in partnership to transform wheelchair services through our experience, innovation and an unrelenting focus on the children we support.
3. We will give even more disabled children and young people the skills and opportunities they need to have a bright future.
4. In 2013 we will place volunteers at the heart of Whizz-Kidz. Volunteers will do valuable work in every community in the UK, to give disabled children and young people the support they need to lead independent lives.
5. We will build on the legacy of the Paralympics. We want to see the Games’ ethos and inclusivity spread across society.

We need your help

Your donations make a difference:

- **£20** could cover the cost of a family’s initial telephone assessment with a fully qualified Whizz-Kidz therapist.
- **£50** could enable a Whizz-Kidz staff member to provide a face to face briefing for a workplace buddy. Volunteer buddies are matched to every young person undertaking a work placement; their dedicated assistance nurtures a young disabled person’s skills and confidence.
- **£84** could pay for a disabled child to receive four hours of wheelchair skills training, providing vital skills and confidence in using their new equipment safely and independently.
- **£171** covers the costs of maintaining and repairing a disabled child’s powered chair for 6 months, lifting the financial burden of keeping the wheelchair in good order from a low income family.
- **£319** could pay for a nurse to attend one day of a Whizz-Kidz residential Camp, catering for the complex medical needs of up to 10 disabled young people, giving them the chance to learn independent-living skills and socialise with friends.
- **£6,000** could cover the cost of providing a disabled child’s powered chair – the ultimate gift to transforming their life, and future, overnight.

70,000 kids are still waiting

All children should have the chance to be something special… a kid. But there are an estimated 70,000 disabled children in the UK who are waiting for the right wheelchair, a wheelchair that will mean they can get up to all the things that kids like to do.

You can support Whizz-Kidz to help change disabled children’s lives forever.

Get involved:

- Volunteer
- Donate (by text, online, by mail or by phone)
- Sign up for an event
- Raise awareness
- Fundraise locally
- Get your company involved

To find out more visit:

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