

# gimme shelter

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Share a thin and crispy at work and fatten up the Kesho Leo house mamas and children!

## this month's smileys...



We've built a new Hold A Fundraiser [webpage](#) with some easy how-to-do-it fundraising ideas



It's a boy! Congrats to **fws** executive team members Mick Cronin and Amanda Pattinson on the arrival of their son, Josh



We're auctioning a **Final Founding Fifty** (FFF) membership off on our newly created [eBay page](#) – throw your hat in the ring, you never know your luck!



Thanks to TRACT's generous donation to **fws**, we've now plumbed another rainwater tank and installed our first flush system at the village. Yay!



Look out for a five-page feature on Kesho and **fws** in *ReNew: Technology for a sustainable future* [magazine](#), out July 1

## FUNdraising idea: a pizza the action

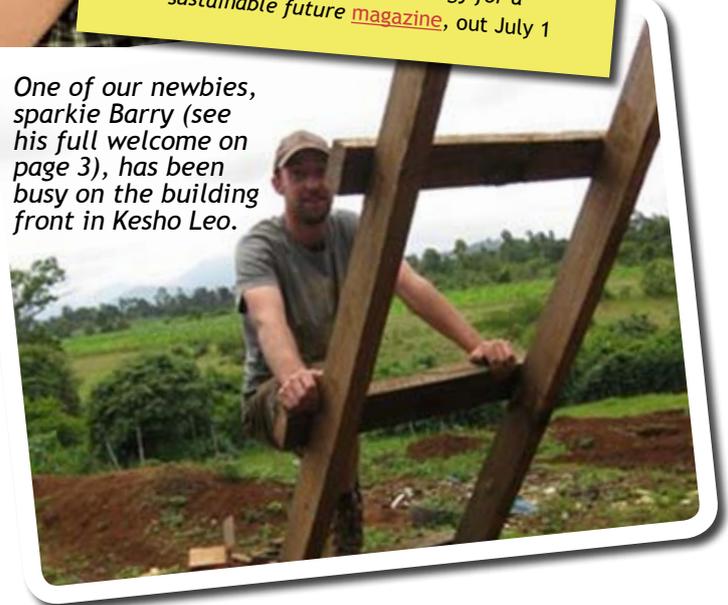
Raising money is easy with a bit of know-how. Here's the tried and tested step-by-step guide to having a fun(d)raising workplace pizza day:

- 1 Find out which day of the week your local pizza joint has \$5 pizzas (e.g. Cheap Tuesdays).
- 2 On the day, walk around your workplace before lunch with a pen and paper, taking pre-orders from your colleagues for 'a piece of pizza for fws!' They get lunch while contributing at the same time.
- 3 Collect \$2 per slice, which makes \$16 per pizza – so you've raised \$11 for fws just with one pizza!
- 4 Call the local pizza joint to order as many pizzas as you need, depending on the size of your workplace and your colleagues' appetites.
- 5 Pick up the pizzas or even have them delivered.
- 6 Share the pizzas in the staff lunch room – yum!
- 7 Deposit the funds raised into the **fws** bank account and email **fws** accounts to let us know what you've raised so we can thank you in our next newsletter!
- 8 You could even make it a monthly event...

Our environment manager, Corky, ran one of these events at his tiny workplace and raised \$100!

For more ideas including hosting a movie night, the **fws** [eBay page](#) and more, [visit our website](#).

One of our newbies, sparkie Barry (see his full welcome on page 3), has been busy on the building front in Kesho Leo.



## breaking news: great grant result!

Excited much? We've just found out that **fws** has been awarded a Goldman Sachs JBWere Foundation grant



of a whopping \$19,329 to fit out the bathroom, laundry, kitchen and sewing room at Kesho Leo. The funded shopping list includes great stuff like laundry buckets, clothes lines, compost bins, sinks, doors, cupboards, benches, cookware, food storage containers, sewing machines and fabric. Time to go and spend up!

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## kesho leo employee profile: Esther and family



**Age 30 Role** Mother of Joseph, 13, Nay, five, and Sharon, two, and house mama for **fws**.

**What did you do before you worked for fws?**

I worked at a bar and I sold chicken eggs. But times were hard and at the time I met **fws**, I'd had to sell three of my four chickens.

**What has changed for you since you started working for fws?**

I know that my children can go to school and that we will be living in a safe place. I've also been very sick and **fws** helped me to become healthy.

**What aspects of the project do you enjoy the most?**

I like that the building is sustainable and how people can learn about the environment and building with materials that can be regrown (for example, timber instead of cement). I also like to eat mahindi (maize) and vegetables straight from our shamba (farm).

**What are you looking forward to?**

I'm looking forward to looking after the children at Kesho Leo and being role a model for other mamas in the community. I think they can learn from us about caring for children and loving them all.



*Naahh-thing fazes Riziki.*

## what's going on: at the Kesho farm

The report from **fws** project manager Kelsey Wilson is: "The farm is amazing! We're harvesting maize, myriad vegetables and the first tilapia (fish) from our aquaculture ponds. We have five goats now after the arrival of a new kid we named Riziki (meaning 'good fortune'). And three cows, after Edmund Rice donated a new cow (she's sick, so we're nursing her back to health)."

## way-swish visitors galore

There's been an influx of important visitors to Kesho Leo in the past month. The British High Commissioner to Tanzania, Diane Corner, arrived on our doorstep after asking her representative in Arusha to show her an interesting project. American researcher Justin Hall visited us as part of his research into best practice in orphanages in East Africa. Blandina Nkowe from the community development department of the Arusha Municipal Council was very impressed with what she saw at Kesho Leo. We also had visits from Lea Chambers of the Golder Trust (an organisation that is interested in our project) and Jana Kiser from Global Learning (a US-based teacher-training organisation).

## lock, stock... and a long wait!



*Lockwood Australia helped us get a handle on our door issues.*

The latest victory on Kesho's building front is the installation of all our doors – with huge thanks to Lockwood Australia who generously donated all the door handles and locks we needed. But collecting the materials was no easy task – it took two trips to Kilimanjaro Airport and seven hours of waiting time (yaaawn), plus a crash

course in clearing agents and TRA customs rules. But we eventually made it back to Kesho Leo with the goods all locked in, Eddie! Now, where did we put those keys..?

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## fws-er of the month: Amelia Curie



**Age** 13 **Lives** Melbourne, Vic

**Day job** High-school student

**Passions** Singing, acting, netball and fashion.

**What do you do for fws?** I'm a fundraiser.

**Why do you support fws?** My uncle was a volunteer in Kenya. My family and friends helped raise funds to build a playground for the school he was working at. When he returned back home to Australia, he told us about meeting fws volunteers and your plans for the project. After hearing his stories – like about the little boy who caught a tiny sparrow to feed his family – we decided we wanted to keep helping children in Africa in any way we could. Sometimes that just means telling our friends about fws, and sometimes it's about raising money, like we did last year when we bought the Kesho Leo mamas a water pump. That was really exciting!

For great fundraising ideas, [visit the fws website](#).

## Isobel's beautiful tribute to Darren

Isobel O'Brien, 11, paid a timely tribute to fws founder and building foreman Darren Stratti, who died on June 30 last year. In her confirmation project, Isobel wrote: "I think a spirit-filled person is someone who really tries to make the world a better place for others. I admire Darren's commitment to making a difference and I hope I can be as brave and caring as him." Thank you, Isobel.



**In memoriam:**  
Darren Stratti (1971-2008). Dazza is still with us in many amazing ways, if you ask Beck.



## contact us...

If there's anything you'd love us to tell you about fws, please don't hesitate to contact Gimme Shelter at [gimmeshelter@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:gimmeshelter@foodwatershelter.org.au)

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Another newbie, Brenda, helping out in chekechea (kindy) at Kesho.



## comings and goings

A goodbye hug for our lovely HR manager, Philippa Arnold! (By the way, Philippa's role is up for grabs. See page 4). And also for previous Kesho-vol, roof builder and sponsorships manager Nick Hirst, who is studying again and handing sponsorship reins over to Kate McNally. Also welcome aboard Janine Moller (fws president's PA), Trina Johnston (photo editor), Jovanka Ucakalo (fundraising consultant) and in Tanzania, Barry Ryan (electrician) and Brenda Droog (English teacher), both from Ireland.

## we love our fab fws supporters

Massive thanks to Sonja Aboudargham and six of her colleagues at Microsoft for their in-kind support worth \$10,500. It comes through Microsoft's donation program, which allows every employee to donate up to \$1,500 of software for a charity to eBay auction.

And to MScott Smidt and the team at Same Day Express who have donated \$1,200 worth of courier services around Sydney.

Liz Carney, library teacher at William Stimson Public School, is organising an fws Fundraising Mufti Day. Students give a gold coin and wear something inspired by an African animal. Hangin' to see the photos!

## volunteer vacancies

### HR Manager

- **time:** 5 hours per month (on average)
- **term:** Minimum 12-month commitment
- **where:** work from home
- **salary package:** \$zilch
- **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

Reporting to the **fws** president, the HR manager has responsibility for the administration of human resources policies, procedures and programs. The role deals exclusively with volunteers and will focus on both OS-based and Australian-based volunteers. Skills & Experience:

- Experience in recruiting and retaining staff
- Excellent communication
- Ability to problem-solve

For more info and a full job description, visit [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/HR-manager.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/HR-manager.aspx)

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### Project Manager (Aus)

- **time:** 5 hours per month (on average)
- **term:** Minimum 12 month commitment
- **where:** Work from your home
- **salary package:** \$zilch
- **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

Reporting to the **fws** president, the project manager is responsible for co-ordinating the planning, execution and delivery of projects according to strict deadlines and budget. This includes acquiring resources, coordinating the efforts of team members and helping define project objectives. Skills & Experience:

- Ability to manage own time and resources
- Prioritise workload in liaison with **fws** president

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### IT Manager

- **time:** 5 hours per month (on average)
- **term:** Minimum 12-month commitment, immediate start
- **where:** work from home
- **salary package:** \$zilch
- **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

The IT manager is responsible for all the computer systems within **fws**, including the website. He/she will also play a key role in ensuring the future of **fws** by ensuring projects and policies can be supported in the IT environment.

Skills & Experience:

- Expert level in XHTML, CSS, Javascript
- Good understanding of PHP and MySQL
- ASP.Net (our current CMS uses .Net)
- Experience in configuring hosting (DNS etc.)
- A friendly personality and patience
- Ability to prioritise workload with **fws** secretary

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### Kesho Leo Project Manager

- **time:** Full-time, start November 2009
- **term:** Minimum 12 month commitment
- **where:** Based at Kesho Leo, Tanzania
- **salary package:** \$zilch
- **perks:** Warm-fuzzies

You'll be working alongside our Tanzanian manager to oversee the running of the Kesho Leo children's village, as well as looking after the welfare of our volunteers in Tanzania and liaising with **fws** Australia. You'll be faced with many and varied challenges, sometimes when you least expect it, but the rewards will be overwhelming as you become a part of the community.

Skills & Experience:

- Perceptive decision-making
- Patience of a saint (i.e. great team skills)
- Organised and proactive

For more information and a job description, visit [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteer-2010-kesholeo-manager.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteer-2010-kesholeo-manager.aspx)

For information about these and other current **fws** volunteer opportunities in Australia and Tanzania, visit [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteerwithus.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteerwithus.aspx)