

ICING

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED GROUP

It hardly seems possible that three years have passed since ICING began its task of coordinating the fund-raising activities of the British Community and guiding those funds to the direct benefit of children in need.

Operating independently of the RGBB, ICING has raised in excess of SR500,000 during that period, however the assistance of the RGBB in organising a range of events has directly contributed to more than half that amount.

In the Spring of 2004, you may remember that fabulous day at the cricket following the Construction Group's challenge to the rest of the RGBB. Even if you didn't play in the game, I hope you remember the glorious evening of good food and good company in the 'Residence' garden.

As a result of that exercise ICING was able to donate in excess of SR75000 towards children in need in Iraq. Part of the funds were routed through the British Ladies Society who distributed shoes to children in Maysan Province and part was given to British Forces serving in the region who built one school and refurbished another in Basrah.



Together we can make a difference

Later in 2004 the RGBB organised another great evening in the same garden once again raising a significant amount towards the next project.

That was DSCA, the Down Syndrome Charity Association. DCSA is a non profit organization that aims to serve individuals with Down syndrome and their families across Saudi Arabia. DSCA was established by and is run by Saudi females led by HRH Princess Sara bint Talal Al Saud who is the patron and the primary founder. ICING's contribution allowed DSCA to hold a training course for staff led by a specialist flown in from the UK.

To organise the "train the trainers" event, ICING sponsored the visit of Mrs Gillian Trafford, an occupational therapist working with children having the condition, who was able to run a month long training course.

Funds raised by the RGBB, through an informal dinner dance in the Spring of 2005 also bought an assortment of books for use by the children.



A magnificent donation from those involved in the Theatre Group started a new round of fundraising in 2005 and a new worthy cause brought to our attention led to a variety of events that raised more cash for the Group and a donation to the Friends of the Hadrahmout who used the cash to renovate a school in the Yemen.

Egg-heads might remember a successful Quiz Night, held in the Amenity Hall when Sharon Wardle lifted