ISA Fund Raising Campaign

1. How many children who stutter have been killed by a local witch doctor in Africa because the child was ‘possessed’?
2. How many school children who stutter will fail at school and be miserable and lonely enough to offend against the law of the land and end up in prison?
3. How many adults who stutter will fail to find a job, or fail at work, and be so depressed and abandoned that they give up on life?
4. How many people who stutter stop communicating?
5. How many people who stutter commit or think about suicide?

Too Many

Before the ISA was ‘dreamed about’, a stuttering (stammering) Prince of England had a compelling reason to COMMUNICATE. He and his family were not poor. See a trailer of the movie “The King’s speech” at http://www.stutterisa.org/index.html.

The ISA (International Stuttering Association), a non-profit making Association, needs donations from you to help PWS (People Who Stutter) and to help raise awareness in developing Countries where little or no help exists.

There are some 68 million PWS in the world. The majority of these do not receive help. In One Voice 28 (see http://www.stutterisa.org/OneVoice/OV28.pdf) both the Chair of the ISA and the Chair of ISA Outreach discussed the need for your donations in more detail. We depend on financial help from you to do our work.

International Speech Project-Stuttering (ISP-S), an Outreach project of the ISA

We need your donations to help us to send ISP-S teams to the remote developing countries of this world. We have had a request for a team to go to Benin in West Africa (90,000 people who stutter). This will be our last visiting team unless we receive your donations. Our teams give ideas to Teachers and Employers about helping stutterers. Our teams help local professionals with different perspectives on Therapy and they give Therapy and talk to Children (as well as their parents) and adults about how to help themselves to improve their communication and confidence. ISP-S visits are extremely intensive and very welcome.

Three yearly ISA World Congress for people who stutter

One ISA Member Association hosts a World Congress every three years. We need your donations to help us give scholarships (money towards travel costs and sometimes accommodation and maybe food costs) to send people who stutter from developing countries. We select applicants who are active in raising Stuttering awareness in their own countries and will benefit by attending. Each World Congress is different, but attracts Professionals and people who stutter who want to talk about their expertise / experiences and to learn from others. The World Congress in 2011 is in Argentina. It is the first in South America. Spanish is one of the most used languages in the world so the World Congress will be widely accessed by English and Spanish speaking Countries. Latin America has almost 6 million people who stutter. Argentina has approximately 400,000 people who stutter. We need your donations to help us give scholarships.
ISA Fund Raising Appeal

The main strengths of the ISA and all Member Associations is in raising awareness; promoting self help and going out and helping other people who stutter. National Associations created the ISA and many Associations are members of the ISA. How can you show you care and help those around the World with little or no professional help available to them?

- If you are a Board / Advisory Board member of the ISA, we need your donation and we need you to talk in your own Countries about the ISA’s needs for many donations;
- If you are a Board member of a National Association, we need your donation and we need you to talk with your Board about an Association donation, and a page on your website / newsletter / magazine;
- If you are a member of a National Association, we need your donation and we need you to talk to your friends as we need their donations;
- If you are a Special Friend of the ISA, we need your donation and we need you to talk to your friends as we need their donations;
- If you are a parent or family member, we need your donation and we need you to talk to your friends as we need their donations;
- Can all of you think of ways to hold events to raise money to help us?

How can you help the ISA to help others?
There are several ways to help.

If you give a % of your Salary to the Church / Charities, include the ISA in your list of charities;
Please make a donation yourself, if you are in a financial position to help in this way;
Please pass this information on and ask at least one other person to donate some money;
Please think of ways to raise money to support our yearly requests for funding;
Please make a monthly / annual donation to help us with our regular requests for funds;
Please consider making a legacy to the ISA in your last will and testament;
Please post this appeal on your Association’s website and in any other communications to members.

We need money from you ---- Because there is always a currency conversion charge by banks, we suggest a minimum of 100 euros.
Please donate at least 100 euros yourself and ask many people who stutter to donate at least 100 euros. (Please use your websites / newsletters / magazines / emails / phones / networks to spread the message of our work to help others around the world and our need for donations.)

Donations to this appeal
When you make a donation, please send an email to Michael Sugarman Chair ISA and Co-Chair Finance Committee <msugarman1@sbcglobal.net> with a copy to Keith Boss Chair Outreach <keithmaxkb@yahoo.com> and Mel Hoffman Advisory Board and Co-Chair Finance Committee <melhoffman@aol.com>
Doing this will help to keep our ISA checks and balances.
Please state if you want anonymity. If so, your name will not be published.

Donations can be made in a variety of ways.
1. Money transfers to Nordea Bank DK, 9800 Hjørring - International Stuttering Assn c/o Christmann, Bregnevej 10, 988 Hjørring, Denmark . Reg. # 2620 Acc # 5005 992 674. IBAN DK 60 2000 5005 9926 74 SWIFT/BIC:NDDEA DK KK
2. mailing a cheque payable to the International Stuttering Association (or just ISA), addressed to Hermann Christmann, Bregnevej 10, 9088 Hjørring, Denmark.
3. via PayPal to keithmaxkb@yahoo.com.
4. If some other way is more convenient, please let us know (Michael Sugarman Chair ISA <msugarman1@sbcglobal.net>).

Please give generously to support the ISA campaign to raise awareness of stammering and to help save thousands of children / adults around the world in developing Countries from a lifetime of stuttering.

Michael Sugarman
Chair ISA
October 2010