



### A Message from Angela Docherty Chief Executive NEW WAYS

The Ball will be held for the third year at the **Grand Connaught Rooms** on 20<sup>th</sup> November near Covent Garden and the evening will include a Champagne Reception, Dinner, Charity Auction and Boogying until the early hours!

The Advent Ball remains one of the key fund raising events for New Ways and is certainly one of the most enjoyable. At last year's Ball we raised over £ 58,000, which was an amazing achievement considering the environment and just under 230 people joined us to start the festive season celebrations... The support and contributions from this event made a significant difference to New Ways being able to support its key projects in Africa – it really helps change the quality of the lives of the people of Turkana. I am really impressed by the long term support we receive from friends for this event. Please accept my sincere and deep felt thanks.. The average annual project budget of the charity is over £400,000 per year but in the last 2 years we have managed to raise just over £330,000 but we continue with the aspiration.

We are 21year old!! And the ball has been one of our most successful events since 1997.. Fantastic.. Our nursery schools programme of feeding and providing medical attention to children aged between 2-7 – this is a very vulnerable group - if a child does not receive proper nourishment in their format years it affect both their physical and mental development. So this programme is key and the budget for the programme is over £95,000 a year to run 20 nurseries in 2 countries. We are working on teaching the people how to grow their own food but it will take some time before your support is not needed but we continue to strive to empower the local people. So despite the financial challenges we are all facing in the UK this year, we hope with your help that we will still be able to raise in excess of 15% of the charities annual budget. If you can't join us on the night please see if you can make a donation to help us reach our target.

We keeping the ticket price the same as last year at £160 each and tables are for 10. Please e-mail [angela@newways.org.uk](mailto:angela@newways.org.uk) if you would like tickets or advise if you would like us to issue a payment advice, but please do act now as there is always keen interest in the Ball and the tickets go very quickly.

We really hope you and your family, friends and colleagues are able to join us for this year's Ball.

On behalf of the Ball Committee thanks once again for all your support.

Very best wishes

