

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here at Rotherham United Community Sports Trust we are attempting to take 8 young people from Rotherham to Ghana for an Education aid and Humanitarian Aid trip. I have included the aims, benefits and reasoning for the trip clearly and precise below for you to see. I have included further down how yourself as a school can help.

### **The Aims:**

- To work within heavily disadvantaged areas where young children **struggle to access basic necessities as well as sports and education.**
- **Use football and sports** to tackle the heavily on going issue of **CHILD PREGNANCY** within Ghana.
- Assist with **treatment/socialisation/care and education** in children's hospitals, children's homes and care centres.
- Understand as how a very well established club we can make a difference.

### **Why Ghana?**

- The club have one of the greatest achievements in sporting history – signing the **FIRST EVER black professional football player.**
- This was Arthur Wharton – he played for the club back in 1889-1894 before returning for another year in 1895. He was born in Jamestown, Ghana. He is now known for being the **first ever black professional footballer** but also for been the **first ever recorded fastest man in the world** running **100m in 10 seconds**, a record he held for 30 years.
- Jamestown is the chosen area where aid will be given, this is in honour of Arthur Wharton but also in honour of the roots and history of the club. The work done will be done with RUFC and RUCST at the heart.

### **The Benefits**

- Allows the **young people from Rotherham the chance to go on the trip**, for some this will be the first time they've left Rotherham let alone abroad.
- This is a very **eye opening and once in a lifetime opportunity** for these young people to witness and be a part of, one which these young people have asked to do.
- Offers aid to the young children in Ghana – **making a difference in their education, development and daily life.**

This is not a cheap or easy trip to run but it is well worth the end result for both the children in Ghana and the young people from Rotherham who are attending the trip. They have already worked very hard to raise nearly £4000 but they are still a long way away from the target.

### **How the day will work;**

On 16/03/2023 we will be having an African Dance Workshop at school. This will have Cara from Rotherham United come into school to deliver a dance workshop to the pupils, educating them on the difference in dance and sports across the world.

Your child is to come in non-uniform of the Ghana colours, this is Red, Green and Yellow. Be as creative as you would like and make it fun! All we ask is you bring at least a £1 donation, which will go towards the trip to Ghana.

Throughout the day your young person will have a chance to take part in a dance session with their class, where they learn some African dance and the meaning behind its culture. After these sessions in the afternoon there will be various classroom activities which your young person can join in on.

### **Other fundraising available on the day;**

We will have a chance for parents to enter the **SIGNED ROTHERHAM UNITED RAFFLE**. For just £2 a ticket you can enter to be in for the chance to win;

1<sup>st</sup> – Full Rotherham United Kit

2<sup>nd</sup> – 2 Weeks on Easter Football Camp

3<sup>rd</sup> – Signed Football shirt or Football

4<sup>th</sup> – x4 Tickets to an RUFC fixture

5<sup>th</sup> – A RUFC Goodie Bag

**\*\*\* THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL \*\*\***

Any other donations towards the trip would be greatly appreciated. If you are the owner of or employee of a business/ company you think would like to sponsor or make a donation towards the trip in return for their branding involved with the kit and trip, please contact me via email [cmoscardini@rotherhamunited.net](mailto:cmoscardini@rotherhamunited.net)

Many Thanks,

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