

JustGiving Awards 2011 - Winners, Runners-Up & Shortlists

Endurance Fundraiser of the Year

Endurance comes in many forms. Some people run the marathon. Some people swim great distances. This award recognises feats of endurance in the JustGiving community. Ten incredibly brave people made our shortlist and the judges chose three to be finalists.



WINNER

Lucy Rivers-Bulkeley www.justgiving.com/lrrb

In 2010, Lucy undertook a challenge that most professional athletes could only dream of achieving. As a non-athlete, Lucy completed the famous 4 Desert Grand Slam Challenge, risking her life in the most extreme conditions, to become the first British woman to accomplish the 4,155 mile desert runs across the Gobi, Atacama, Sahara and Antarctic deserts in one calendar year. She raised in excess of £35,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her father.

The judges commended her incredibly fearless attitude and enormous courage, with Mike Tomlinson, one of our judges, saying he wished he had just half of Lucy's guts.

Runners-Up

Scott Cunningham www.justgiving.com/travistrek

Scott lost his sight in 1993 in just three weeks due to a hereditary disease ("Lebers Hereditary Optic Neuropathy" or LHON for short). Since being partnered with his second guide dog, Travis in 2003, he has raised £125,000 for Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDBA) and walked into the record books by becoming the only blind person & guide dog to complete every major walk in the UK. Determined to show what the partnership between a guide dog and owner can achieve, Scott raises money for GDBA, which receives no Government funding. In 2010, the Trek raised approximately £40,000.

Neil O'Maonaigh-Lennon www.justgiving.com/neil-o-maonaigh-lennon

At an early age, Neil lost both his grandfathers to cancer, depriving him of getting to know them in adult life. Now 30, Neil is an English teacher from Harrow, and is attempting a superhuman feat of endurance - 105 marathons in 105 days!. Neil set out from Brighton in September 2010 to begin an anticlockwise journey around Great Britain to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Having battled with snow and rain and tackled mountains and moors, consistently covering 26 miles plus every day and through JustGiving, Neil has so far raised over £12,000.

Also Shortlisted

Rob Forbes www.justgiving.com/robforbes

Rob Forbes embarked on an epic challenge to swim, cycle and run his way from Cirencester to South Africa to coincide with the 2010 World Cup, and raise money for charity. A self-confessed terrible swimmer and cycle touring novice, Rob showed great courage in taking on a challenge, which has raised over £23,000 for Re-Cycle. In 256 exhausting days, Rob cycled over 12,000 miles through rainforests, deserts and mountains, braved sharks and ships in swimming 16 miles across the Strait of Gibraltar and finished by running a 56 mile "ultra marathon" on arrival in South Africa.

Dave Holby www.justgiving.com/worldrecordrow

Dave began his attempt to become the first person to row the total distance of the earth's equator on a static land rowing machine in May 2008. Based outside in The Malls Shopping Centre in Basingstoke he has rowed 7-8 hours a day, 5-6 days a week in all weathers for the last two and a half years. He completed the 40,075km by 18th December 2010. During the challenge, Dave set eight endurance indoor rowing world records. The row has raised in excess of £20,000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Chris Jackson www.justgiving.com/runforcongo

In 2009, Christopher Jackson, a career lobbyist for a London financial firm, visited DRC and was inspired to act to raise awareness of this forgotten conflict where 5.4 million people have died and 2 million have been displaced in the last 16 years. Chris ran 12 marathons in 12 months from the DRC to New York to London, despite the fact that prior to this he had never run a marathon before in his life and has now raised over £11,000 (incl Gift Aid). for Amnesty International and Women for Women International.

Simon Lynes www.justgiving.com/57hourfootball

Simon and friends have raised funds since 2007 when Jamie Burdett, their friend from Leeds University, tragically died from meningitis. In 2010, Simon and the Leeds Badgers played Warwick Wolves in a 57-hour world record-breaking football match raising funds for the Meningitis Trust at Warwick University - the equivalent of playing a full premiership season (38 matches) in one go. Backed by Wales & Liverpool legend, Ian Rush, they received media coverage from around the globe, which helped raise awareness of meningitis and over £7,000.

Julian Norton & Roger Brown www.justgiving.com/hh24-7

On July 17th 2010, Julian Norton and Roger Brown broke the Guinness World Record for 24 hours of indoor rowing on a Concept2 indoor rowing machine. They also smashed their fundraising target to help Herriot Hospice Homecare set up a new overnight service to provide night time support for people caring for those at the end of their lives, raising more than £12,500.

Dr Stephen Pyke www.justgiving.com/spykes-munro-round

A member of the John Muir Trust, Dr Stephen Pyke (aka Spyke) climbed all of Scotland's 3,000 ft hills, better known as the Munros, in a continuous round under his own steam - on foot, by bike and kayak. Starting on Ben More on Mull and reaching his final summit cairn on Ben Hope in Sutherland, just 39 days 9 hours and 6 minutes later, Spyke completed the fastest round of the 283 Munros, (beating the previous best of 48 days 12 hours). Spyke raised £4,400 for the Trust, as well as awareness and bringing in eight new members.

Adam Wolley www.justgiving.com/AdamWolley

Adam Wolley set off from Marble Arch in January 2010 to cycle 15,000km through Europe and Africa to Cape Town, and raise funds for Malaria Consortium. It was incredibly difficult physically and mentally. Only 21 when he started the seven month trip, Adam had an appalling accident in Kigali, Rwanda smashing through the window of a taxi and severely injuring his face and hands. Eventually, Adam cycled through 17 countries over seven months and nearly doubled his target by raising £19,596.

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