ABOUT US
We all have those moments that indisputably change our lives forever. For our family, this moment was on June 23rd 1994 when Luis - then a high school graduate with the whole world at his feet - sustained a spinal cord injury in a car accident that left him paralysed from the chest down. We had been the picture perfect family – with loving parents and five happy kids – until the unthinkable happened.

In 2009, we found a way to turn those years of sorrow and hurt into a passion – a passion that we now all know as Walkabout Foundation. Since then, we have distributed over 10,000 wheelchairs in 21 countries, supported 7 rehabilitation projects in Kenya and India, and donated over $1 million to groundbreaking research. 2016 was a particularly exciting year for us for many reasons; we held the biggest ever London Walkabout, distributed a record-breaking number of wheelchairs, and opened the Walkabout Daycare and Support Centre in Kenya – a long held dream of ours that has finally become a reality.

The successes we have achieved since we began our mission simply would not have been possible without your support. Every single person that donates, volunteers, fundraises, runs, rides and walks for us takes us one step closer to our mission: to change the world, one person, one wheelchair at a time.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Luis and Carolina Gonzalez-Bunster
Co-Founders of Walkabout Foundation
I am incredibly proud when I look back at what I believe has been a year of extraordinary achievements and progress for Walkabout. After the unprecedented success of our Inaugural Gala in June 2015, where we raised over £1.5 million, in 2016 we concentrated all our efforts on allocating these funds to truly changing the lives of thousands of new beneficiaries. Over the course of the year, we completed our $1 million pledge to support the groundbreaking research of Dr. Reggie Edgerton, and visited 9 countries, personally fitting and distributing a record 2,679 wheelchairs, directly impacting the lives of an estimated 8,000 individuals. In our quest to transfer knowledge to our local partners and create long term local expertise, we also trained 12 individuals according to World Health Organization (WHO) standards in Kenya, a very successful initiative which we are planning on replicating in other countries throughout 2017 and 2018.

Furthermore, on the back of our Commitment to Action presented in September at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York, we funded 6 rehabilitation and vocational centres in India, and established our first Walkabout Daycare and Support Centre in Kenya, where 30 disabled children receive crucial rehabilitation, mentorship, and support. The provision of wheelchairs and rehabilitation has helped improve the lives of those with mobility disabilities in the short and medium term, while we continue our search for a long term cure for paralysis.

We still have much to learn and much ground to cover, but I know that we can count not only on the support of incredibly generous and committed donors like you, but also on a team whose relentless dedication, loyalty and commitment – from our Board all the way down to our last intern - is well beyond anything I’ve ever seen in my professional career. Their passion and drive is what makes Walkabout truly unique and what gets me out of bed every morning.

Isabel Falkenberg
CEO
Our mission is to restore dignity, freedom and independence by providing wheelchairs and rehabilitation in the developing world and funding research to find a cure for paralysis.
THE NEED

100 million
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD NEED A WHEELCHAIR

65 million
PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD ONE

EVERY 45 minutes
SOMEONE IS SPINAL CORD INJURED IN THE U.S.,
IN INDIA EVERY 15 minutes

2% OF THE U.S. POPULATION IS PARALYSED
THAT IS 1 OUT OF 50 PEOPLE

IN UGANDA 6% OF THE POPULATION NEEDS A WHEELCHAIR

WE ARE ALL 1 degree
OF SEPARATION AWAY FROM PARALYSIS

“Until you have seen a person trying to maintain dignity while crawling along the ground by her knuckles, you can’t imagine what this little chair would do.”

President Bill Clinton
OUR GLOBAL IMPACT

10,000
WHEELCHAIRS DISTRIBUTED

21
COUNTRIES REACHED

30,000
LIVES IMPACTED

$1,000,000
GIVEN TO GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH
2016 IN REVIEW
2016 AT A GLANCE

APRIL 3
13 Walkabout Heroes run for those who can’t in the Paris Marathon

APRIL 12
Walkabout distributes 250 chairs in Panama alongside President Juan Carlos Varela and Timothy Shriver

APRIL 26
Georgetown University students organise an on-campus event that raises over $18,000

MAY 3
Team Walkabout heads to Sudan to distribute 204 paediatric wheelchairs

MAY 10
Walkabout hits the trading floor at BUN Charity Trading Day, doubling what was raised from last year

MAY 24
We team up with Bottega Veneta for a night of fashion fundraising to celebrate the Chelsea Flower Show

JUNE 7
Carolina receives the United Nations Women Together Award

JUNE 20
Team Walkabout heads back to Nairobi, Kenya for a third time, training 12 Kenyans to the Intermediate Level of wheelchair provision according to WHO standards

JULY 27
We fulfil our $1 million pledge to Dr Reggie Edgerton’s lab at UCLA

AUGUST 31
A team of 18 Walkabout Heroes completes the Prudential RideLondon-100, raising over £395,000

SEPTEMBER 11
Tristan Alux Van Holsak competes in the Paralympic Games in Brazil

SEPTEMBER 21
Walkabout makes a commitment at the Clinton Global Initiative annual conference in New York

OCTOBER 8
We host our biggest ever London Walkabout in Hyde Park with over 1,300 participants, raising £120,000

OCTOBER 17
Team Walkabout visits El Salvador for the first time to distribute 250 chairs

NOVEMBER 10
Our Lilly e Volette trunk show raises over £16,000 for Walkabout

NOVEMBER 16
Our first ever Walkabout Daycare and Support Centre is opened in Lakiipa, Kenya

NOVEMBER 21
Walkabout distributes 280 wheelchairs in Ecuador after the devastating earthquake

DECEMBER 6
Tory Burch personally hosts Walkabout in her flagship store with a Christmas event, giving 20% of proceeds to our cause

NOVEMBER 28
Team Walkabout travels once again to Uganda to distribute 220 chairs

APRIL 4
Team Walkabout heads to Guatemala for the first time to distribute 250 chairs

MAY 23
Team Walkabout opens a new office in London

JUNE 13
We distribute 30 tricycles alongside 240 wheelchairs for the first time in Uganda

SEPTEMBER 10
Walkabout will be part of the World Triathlon Series in London

OCTOBER 16
Team Walkabout travels to Argentina to distribute 250 chairs

NOVEMBER 14
Our first ever Walkabout Daycare is opened in Lakiipa, Kenya

DECEMBER 5
Walkabout heads back to Kenya to distribute 230 chairs
In 2010, Walkabout pledged to donate $1 million to the pioneering research of Dr. Reggie Edgerton at the University of California, Los Angeles. This year, we are proud to announce that we have fulfilled this commitment.

The spinal cord consists of millions of nerves that form the connection between the brain and the body. When a spinal cord injury occurs, this connection is severed, resulting in a loss of feeling and function below the point of injury. Until recently, it was widely believed that after paralysis, regeneration of the spinal cord was impossible. Now, thanks to Dr. Edgerton’s research, we know this is untrue.

**Stimulation**

Thanks to Walkabout’s funding, Dr. Edgerton has been able to develop a groundbreaking treatment known as *epidural stimulation*. This involves implanting a small device near the spinal cord which uses electrical currents to excite the muscles — and when this excited state is combined with training and rehabilitation, the spinal cord is re-engaged.

The next step, a step we are extremely excited to be funding, is to harness this technology in the safest, most cost-effective and least invasive way possible. To do this, Dr. Edgerton is developing *transcutaneous stimulation* — a process that uses the same concept as epidural stimulation, but delivers the electrical current by way of electrodes on the skin rather than an implant.

**Life-Changing Results**

The combination of this technology and effective rehabilitation is reaping very promising results. Thanks to Dr. Edgerton’s research, nearly a dozen patients have gained the ability to voluntarily move their own limbs. Rob Summers, the first individual to undergo epidural stimulation, is now able to do 200 sit-ups while holding a weight behind his neck — an unthinkable task before the intervention. Perhaps most exciting is that all 12 patients have regained their bladder and bowel control, sexual function, and the ability to sweat — all of which are cures in and of themselves.
THE WHEELCHAIR DELIVERY PROCESS

STEP 1
We identify a need or receive a request for wheelchairs

STEP 2
We select an experienced local partner specialising in disability

STEP 3
Our local partner sends us a detailed list of recipients so we can start putting together a container of 200-300 wheelchairs

STEP 4
We pick a suitable chair for each individual according to their specific condition, body size and needs

STEP 5
We place our order with a carefully selected and tested wheelchair supplier

STEP 6
Chairs go into production

STEP 7
Our container is loaded and shipped to the specific country

STEP 8
The container arrives, clears customs and is trucked to our local partner where the chairs are unloaded, inspected and counted

STEP 9
The Walkabout team arrives and alongside our local partner, we assemble and fit each chair to every single recipient

STEP 10
Post distribution we follow up with our wheelchair recipients via our local partner

TIME FROM START TO FINISH
1 MONTH
2 MONTHS
3 MONTHS
5 MONTHS
6 MONTHS
12 MONTHS
OUR 2016 WHEELCHAIR FOOTPRINT

GUATEMALA
250 chairs

HAITI
250 chairs

EL SALVADOR
250 chairs

PANAMA
250 chairs

SUDAN
204 chairs

UGANDA
490 chairs

KENYA
460 chairs

NEPAL
245 chairs

In 2016 alone...

2,679 WHEELCHAIRS DISTRIBUTED
9 COUNTRIES VISITED
8,000 LIVES IMPACTED
In April 2016, Team Walkabout visited Guatemala for the first time to distribute 250 paediatric wheelchairs to children from all over the country.

This trip was particularly special because we were joined by a team of Guatemalan wheelchair users who work for our local partner, Hope Haven. To witness a child being fitted into her first wheelchair by another skilled, happy and healthy wheelchair user is priceless. It helps the recipient and her family to see exactly what she can achieve, and the possibility, opportunity and joy a wheelchair can bring.

Ecuador

At Walkabout, we strive to be one of the first on the ground to help after a natural disaster occurs and provide relief in the form of wheelchairs. So, after Ecuador experienced a devastating earthquake in April 2016, which injured over 20,000 people, we immediately sent a container of 280 wheelchairs to cover the immediate need of those who were injured or had lost their chairs.

It was here that we met brothers Joel and Darius. Joel was born with cerebral palsy and after a year, his mother Maria adopted Darius, who was also born with the same disability. Since then, Maria has dedicated her life to caring and providing for both of them. When we asked her what pushed her to adopt, she answered simply, “Love.”

“Just look at them now, they’re so happy!”
WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

Alicia’s Story
El Salvador

San Salvador, the capital city of El Salvador, is considered the deadliest city in the Western Hemisphere. Violence between gangs and police kills thousands every year, and often those affected are innocent children.

Alicia was just a year old when she was caught in the crossfire between two gangs and shot, leaving her spinal cord injured and paralysed from the waist down. Now 8 years old, Alicia is an incredibly intelligent and independent little girl. When we met her, she was excited to practice her English with us and insisted on getting into her new chair unaided.

Alicia wanted more than anything to go to school. However, she could not; many schools in El Salvador refuse to accept children with disabilities on the basis of a lack of facilities and resources. For a competent and able child like Alicia, for whom an education could truly open up a world of possibilities, this was something we could not accept.

When we returned to London, we worked with our local partner to ensure that we found a way to get Alicia into school. Thanks to her new functioning wheelchair, we were ecstatic to learn that a school took her and she is now receiving the education that she - and every child, no matter their circumstances - deserves.

“In El Salvador I was particularly struck by the incredible resilience of the many children, like Alicia, whose lives have been affected by the gun crime that has plagued the country for so long.”

Merren Wallace
Programmes Associate
Kenya & Uganda

In 2016, we distributed over 1,000 wheelchairs in East Africa. The disgraceful stigma attached to disability and the lack of education and employment opportunities for people with disabilities in this area mean that they are often left isolated, dependent or struggling to provide for themselves or their families.

Here, a wheelchair is life-changing. Our presence in East Africa just this year has meant that hundreds of people have been able to return to work or school, carry out daily tasks with dignity and independence, and live healthy and fulfilling lives. Perhaps most importantly, these individuals are now all visible in their communities, which we truly believe will go a long way towards decreasing the stigma that so sadly exists.

Mariam’s Story

Mariam is 21 years old, and a single mother with a 9 month old baby boy. She contracted cerebral malaria at the age of 1, and has been unable to walk since. She has never before had access to a wheelchair.

In spite of spending her entire life on the ground, Mariam clearly gets on with life as best she can. She shares a small patch of land with her mother, which they farm together to grow the food they live on. She even dragged herself to school every day until she was eleven, determined to get an education. When we met her, she had travelled all the way to the distribution alone, taking a boat and then a three hour motorbike journey, having fashioned a sling so that she could carry her son on her back.

When we gave Mariam her first ever chair, staying true to her independent and determined character, she got into it completely alone, keeping her son strapped to her back the entire time. She was delighted to finally be sitting in an upright position, at the eye level of others, and immediately began sharing her plans to rent a sewing machine and earn some money to support her small family.
FROM CHAIRS TO TRIKES

This year, for the first time ever, we introduced tricycles and brought them along to Kenya and Uganda. Compared to wheelchairs, trikes move faster and further with less effort, and are particularly suitable for those with good upper body strength and control. They’re a great alternative to wheelchairs, allowing users to get to work or school quickly and easily, even on rough terrain.

Rachel’s Story

When we met Rachel in Uganda in 2014, she was crawling over 4 kilometres every day just to get to school. She was born with a congenital birth defect, and spent twelve years on the ground - never at eye level of others, often with cuts on her arms and legs, and always dirty.

We gave Rachel her first wheelchair and it transformed her life. She was no longer forced to move around in an undignified, painful way; she could now arrive at school clean and ready to learn. She was able to interact with friends and people in her community while looking at their faces, not their legs.

This year, we checked on Rachel again and selected her to receive a trike. She simply couldn’t stop beaming. Her wheelchair had brought incredible change to her life, but the tricycle took this one step further – it now only takes her half the time to get to school with a lot less effort and struggle.

Sofia’s Story

Sofia had just given birth to her son Quima when we first met her back in 2014. She has been paralysed since she contracted polio at a young age.

Sofia lives with Quima, her parents, 10 siblings, and 12 nieces and nephews. The family used to own a large coffee plantation and lived comfortably, but when the crops were hit by a disease, they were left with nothing. Sofia’s parents must now support the entire household on very little, growing their own food and selling the small amount they don’t consume.

When Sofia received her Walkabout wheelchair in 2014, it gave her hope - both for herself and for her son, who was just weeks old at the time. Now that we’ve given her a trike, this hope has been amplified; she will be able to help her parents on their farm, as well as go further afield to search for other work and provide for Quima.
In November, we opened our first ever Walkabout Daycare and Support Centre in Laikipia County, Kenya, with our longstanding partner, United Disabled Persons of Laikipia (UDPL). Here, 30 children with disabilities receive daily care, therapy, nutrition and education, with the aim of integrating them into mainstream or special education after one to two years.

This centre also provides parents, often single mothers, with the opportunity to find work to provide for their family without being forced to leave their disabled child alone during the day. More importantly, it gives these children, who previously had no chances of improving, a real chance in life. Since the centre opened just four months ago, four children are now able to stand and take assisted steps.

"We’re already witnessing extraordinary changes in the lives of these children, their parents, and their communities. Just imagine what could be possible in a year!"

Izzy Cumming-Bruce
Programmes Manager

Joseph’s Story

Joseph is 6 years old and lives with his father Samuel, mother Julia, and baby sister Eunice. Samuel is a self-trained plumber, but the work is temporary and he is often without a job. Since Julia is forced to spend all day at home looking after Joseph and Eunice, she is unable to work, and as a result the entire family must survive on less than $2 a day. All four of them live in a tiny single room in one of the sprawling slums of Nanyuki, Kenya.

Joseph suffered from pneumonia when he was just four months old, and again a year later. As a result, he has been unable to walk and has little strength in his hands. Because of this, he has not joined a mainstream school like most children his age, in spite of his clear intelligence.

Since Joseph joined the Walkabout Daycare and Support Centre, he has made incredible progress. He loves being around other children, and now that he has been given the opportunity to learn, he is excelling in his education. The staff at our centre are confident that he will soon be able to join a mainstream school.

Julia will now have time for a job and hopes to start a small business selling vegetables and charcoal. This will give the family a crucial second wage to live on, which will make a real difference, giving both Joseph and Eunice a brighter future.
REHABILITATION IN INDIA

Varanasi

The first of the 6 centres we supported in India this year is located in Varanasi, a spiritual city in one of the country’s poorest states. Alongside our partner Jeevan Jyoti Institute for the Disabled, we have set up the JJ Walkabout Centre that offers education, therapy and care to children with disabilities. We also offer training programmes to mothers of children with disabilities to teach them how to best look after their little ones. These mothers then share this knowledge with other caregivers back in their communities. This project has been so successful that we now plan to develop it into a long term partnership.

Bangalore

After distributing wheelchairs with the Association of People with Disabilities in Bangalore since 2014, this year we decided to support them with seed funding to develop 4 of their rehabilitation centres. These centres offer physical, social and vocational therapy for people with spinal cord injuries. Each patient is provided with the necessary therapy, training and preparation in order to reintegrate into the workforce and community life.

Visakhapatnam

In an area of the country that is completely void of any adequate spinal cord injury rehabilitation, we partnered with The Ability People, founded by Dilip Patro, who was paralysed in a hit-and-run accident 20 years ago.

Through our seed grant of £25,000, we have enabled The Ability People to set up a centre that is now able to care for 10 in-patients and cater to hundreds of out-patients from surrounding areas. Thanks to our support, the centre is now providing wheelchairs, physical and occupational therapy, prosthetics and orthotics, community outreach and peer counselling to those in need.
FUNDRAISING IN 2016
On October 8th we hosted our fifth London Walkabout in Hyde Park. Our flagship 5k family fun walk brings together walkers and wheelchair users alike to raise awareness about disability, acceptance and inclusion.

Our 2016 London Walkabout was our most successful one yet, with over 1,000 participants attending and raising over £120,000. Sponsored by our longstanding partners KX Gym and Oakley Capital, as well as first-time sponsor Lilly e Violetta, the day included live music, a picnic lunch, 13 different marquees, and a silent auction and raffle.

What struck me the most when organising London Walkabout 2016 was seeing a team of 5 turn into a team of 100. I was truly proud of every single volunteer, committee member and attendee who helped us achieve the epic £120,000 that we raised."

Camilla Fitzgerald
Events Manager
CHALLENGE EVENTS

Each year, we participate in a variety of sports events and encourage enthusiastic athletes who dare to challenge themselves, to run, walk, climb or cycle for those who can’t.

This year, our 31 participants raised nearly £70,000 from these challenge events. These Walkabout Heroes participated in world famous events such as the Paris Marathon, Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 and the New York Marathon.

CAIS Group

CAIS Group has been supporting Walkabout over the last 2 years. Their Chief Technology Officer, Fred Kauber, has taken on the challenge of running 50 marathons in 50 states on our behalf, and the entire company, including CEO Matt Brown, has gotten behind him, with several members of staff running alongside him. CAIS is matching all donations and has even created a beautiful Walkabout display in their lobby!

BTIG

For the second year in a row, we participated in BTIG’s annual Charity Trading Day where the day’s commissions are donated to non-profit organisations nominated by clients. This year, we were lucky enough to be chosen again and nominated by over 25 generous clients.

“I’m incredibly touched by the generosity and enthusiasm of my former colleagues in the corporate world, who have really gone the extra mile to support Walkabout.”

Zeina Nassif
Head of Fundraising

MATIAS GONZALEZ-BUNSTER, ZEINA NASSIF, ISABEL FALKENBERG AND MONICA GONZALEZ-BUNSTER
BRAND PARTNERSHIPS

Lilly e Violetta
On November 10th we held our first ever trunk show with the ethically sourced fur brand, Lilly e Violetta. The event was held at Brown’s Hotel in Mayfair, London, where Lady Aliai Forte kindly hosted us for breakfast. Guests had the chance to win a Sarah Mini Jacket and meet UK Vogue Fashion Editor, Sarah Harris, for private style consultations.

The morning was an incredible success, with over 60 people attending and Lilly e Violetta donating over £16,000 to Walkabout Foundation.

Bottega Veneta
On May 24th we collaborated with Italian luxury brand Bottega Veneta. In celebration of the Chelsea Flower Show, together we hosted a cocktail evening in their Sloane Street store.

With over 80 people in attendance, we raised enough funds to purchase nearly 30 wheelchairs in only 2 hours.

Tory Burch
Tory Burch personally hosted Walkabout in her flagship store on December 6th, giving over 100 guests the opportunity to enjoy a preview of the upcoming spring collection, with 20% of proceeds going to our cause.

Almost everyone left with a purchase, making it another hugely successful brand collaboration with over £7,000 raised for Walkabout.

Other brand partnerships include:

Agent Provocateur, Amanda Wakeley, Bamford, J. Crew, Moda Operandi, Net-a-Porter, Nine in the Mirror, Meli Melo, Tod's, Pat's Vintage Jewels
This year, Walkabout received some amazing support from schools around the globe. We were fortunate enough to be the Charity of the Year at three London schools: Eaton House School, Francis Holland Junior School and Wetherby Senior School, and to continue to benefit from the ongoing support of Greenwich Country Day School in Connecticut.

Students, parents and teachers from all of these schools have proven to be some of the best advocates for our cause, with two boys from Wetherby Senior School volunteering their time to join us on a wheelchair distribution in Uganda and a group of teachers from Greenwich Country Day School travelling with us to Kenya to build and fit wheelchairs.
We rely on our supporters to help us to raise money and awareness for our cause. This year, Walkabout Heroes all around the world have gone the extra mile to fundraise for us - here are a few of our favourites!

**Tatiana, Elizabeth and Christina**

Tatiana Monterio de Barros, Christina Tadin and Elizabeth Trousdale, seniors at Georgetown University, got together once again this year to raise money for Walkabout in celebration of International Wheelchair Day. After the success of their last event, the girls had a tough act to follow, but they managed it, this time organising two events - a SoulCycle spinning class and a party for 350 people, raising an incredible $13,315 for our cause.

**Louis**

8 year old Louis Noto emptied both of his piggy banks and counted £200 to buy a wheelchair for someone in need. Selflessness like this is exactly what true charity is all about.

**Lulu**

In 2015 Lulu Dillon embarked on the gruelling 500km trek along the Camino de Santiago de Compostela across Spain, raising a phenomenal £11,520 from over 100 friends. This meant that she single-handedly funded a quarter of the container of wheelchairs that we took to Kenya this December, and she even went one step further, by volunteering her time to join us on the distribution to meet the recipients and fit the chairs.

**Matias**

Matias Gonzalez-Bunster, our Co-Founders’ brother, has walked 500 miles along the Camino de Santiago, cycled the Prudential Ride London-100 on 3 different occasions, and run countless marathons for Walkabout. In 2017, Matias has pledged to run five marathons on our behalf, with the aim of raising $25,000 for our cause!

**Tava**

Tava Rose Martinez donated her sixth birthday to Walkabout, asking for donations instead of birthday presents. In doing so, she raised £750 - that’s 3 entire wheelchairs! She said “I feel proud and happy to help people who are hurt in different ways. I feel that I did a good thing for people that I don’t know because I don’t like the idea of anybody not being able to move around.”

**Be a Walkabout Hero too!**

From bungee jumping to bake sales, running to raffles, there are so many ways you can fundraise for Walkabout! It’s so easy to set up your very own fundraising page on our website - so get your friends together, get creative, and get involved!
ACHIEVEMENTS
On June 7th, Walkabout Co-Founder Carolina Gonzalez-Bunster was awarded the Women Together Award at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

Carolina was accompanied by other prestigious awardees, including legendary fashion icon Iris Apfel and actress and activist Rosario Dawson.

Walkabout had the honour of making a Commitment to Action at the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) 2016 Annual Meeting in New York this September. CGI was established by President Bill Clinton in 2005, with the aim of bringing global leaders together to address the world’s biggest challenges using innovative solutions.

Our Commitment to Action seeks to establish rehabilitation centres in Haiti, Kenya, and India and empower people with disabilities. These Walkabout Centres will serve as havens for occupational and physical therapy as well as social and economic empowerment, providing wheelchair users with therapy, vocational training, and a community hub for educational and personal development.
At the end of the 2012 London Paralympics, Alex van Holk – investment banker and Walkabout board member – had never been in a rowing boat. In 2016, he rowed for the Netherlands at the Rio Paralympics.

Alex was spinal cord injured in a car accident at the age of just 16, leaving him paralysed from the waist down. He’s been a big part of Walkabout from the start - having hand-cycled the Via Francigena with Luis back in 2010 - and is now an active member of our Board of Trustees and Scientific Advisory Board.

Inspired by the 2012 Paralympics, Alex made it his mission to row for his country. In just 3 years, whilst juggling a full time job at Morgan Stanley and getting married, he made the Dutch Paralympic rowing team, and, on September 11th, competed in the men’s single sculls, winning the B-final in a thrilling race to the finish line.

Alex’s story is a testament to the fact that anything is possible, and that disability does not mean inability. We’re incredibly proud to have such an inspirational individual as part of the Walkabout family.
FINANCIALS

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Funds Distributed Since Inception (£)

Income and expenses figures from WellChild Foundation UK and WellChild Foundation US combined. Figures and amounts based on an average USD/GBP exchange rate of 1.59% for 2014. Figures raised and distributed since inception are based on an average USD/GBP annual exchange rate since 2010.
GET INVOLVED WITH WALKABOUT

Give A Little Every Month
And see how far your contribution can go in just one year...

£5 can pay for a Mother Training Programme, to teach mothers of children with disabilities how to best look after their little ones.

£10 can pay for eight pressure relief cushions, to provide the necessary comfort and support to individuals with spinal cord injuries.

£20 can pay for a custom-fitted, locally repairable wheelchair for someone in need.

£100 can pay for a wheelchair and a full year’s worth of specialised rehabilitation for a child at our Daycare and Support Centre in Kenya.

Or buy a wheelchair for £250.

“Whether you donate parts of a chair or commit to donating monthly, every penny really does count towards making a huge difference.”

Marina Nakano
CFO

Go a Step Further
We’re a global community of supporters here at Walkabout and it would be great to have you join us. Here are just a few ways you can spread the word about what we do and help raise awareness and vital funds to make a real difference.

Get Walking
From London to New York, the Dominican Republic to Pakistan, join one of our fundraising walks, or set up your own.

Get Fundraising
Do something you love and create a fundraising page on our website to get your friends and family involved. It really is that simple!

Get Social
Tell your friends, share our stories and raise awareness of our cause. Help spread the word!

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