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Standard Bank hit the Carrefour Gym for Children in Need 2009

Standard Bank staff have been rowing the English Channel, Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and completing a 50km Olympic cross country ski marathon, all in the name of Children in Need 2009... and using only Club Carrefour gym equipment.

This year, Standard Bank staff have participated in a host of ambitious challenges in aid of Children in Need. On the 6 and 7 November the Standard Bank relay team took to an array of gym equipment and completed the hearty challenges, raising sponsorship money every hop, stroke and step of the way! Other Carrefour Gym members will be completing the challenges this month, with all funds raised also going to the Charity.

Last year Standard Bank raised over £3,500 for Children in Need, a total which they hope to top in 2009 with the help of a multitude of fundraising efforts taking place at the Standard Bank premises. In-house activities taking place on Friday 20 November include a Wii fit challenge, fancy dress, 'bake-off' cake sales, mobile phone collections, a Quiz Night, cooked staff breakfasts, sweet jar competitions and raffle prizes ... to name but a few.

John Coyle, Managing Director, Standard Bank, Isle of Man said: "It is wonderful to see so many of our staff getting into the spirit of Children in Need. Our staff take great pride in their fundraising endeavours, enjoying the challenge as well as the fun that it entails. This year we have taken a particularly proactive approach by joining forces with Carrefour gym and their epic personal challenges. Combined with our internal fundraising efforts, we hope to raise a significant amount for charity."

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Key facts and figures

- Standard Bank Group assets of approximately US\$172 billion (June 2009)
- Market Capitalisation of approximately US\$18 billion (June 2009)
- Present in 33 countries around the world
- Employs more than 50,000 people world-wide (including Liberty)
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