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Standard Bank get physical and raise £3,500 for Children in Need 2009

Standard Bank staff in the Isle of Man have raised over £3,500 for Children in Need 2009 through a host of ambitious and fun activities, both in and out of the office.

Throughout November Standard Bank staff have been taking part in a host of fundraising challenges for Children in Need. With a relay team taking to an array of Carrefour Gym equipment, staff have rowed the English Channel, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and completed a 50km Olympic cross country ski marathon. On Children in Need day itself, staff also upped the ante at work and participated in a selection of fundraising activities at their offices.

This year's fundraising activities included Wii Fit Challenges, 'Guess the Eyes' Competitions, 'Bake-Off' cake sales and raffles, with many staff sporting fancy dress. A quiz night rounded off the day's events.

John Coyle, Managing Director, Standard Bank, Isle of Man was better known as one of the 118-118 runners during the proceedings. He commented: "We are absolutely delighted with our Staff's fundraising efforts for 2009. To raise over £3,500 is a fantastic result and it is truly wonderful to see so many of our staff getting into the spirit of Children in Need."

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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)
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