

Slumdog Millionaire success aids charities

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Oscar-winning film Slumdog Millionaire has inspired a boost in donations to children's charities.

Railway Children, an organisation based in India, has received ten times as many hits on its website as normal and is witnessing a new wave of donations.

Chief executive Terina Keene told the Crewe Chronicle: "We just hope that this marvellous film will help put us at the forefront of people's minds when it comes to helping the charity. The children on the streets of India desperately need our help."

The charity works with children living on the streets of India, a setting shared by the Danny Boyle film, which portrays a boy living in poverty and his rise to stardom via a television quiz show.

SOS Children's Villages and Save the Children are among the other organisations that have benefitted from the recent success of Slumdog Millionaire, with both noting a rise in donors and sponsors since its release earlier this month, Third Sector reports.

According to an estimate by UNICEF, there are currently 11 million children living on the streets of India, many of whom have fled abuse or mistreatment at home.

Railway Children established its first charity project in India in 1996, working with local third sector organisations to address the problem of homelessness.