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The following text is taken from a report on the ABC News website, 2 September 2013.

DIANA NYAD, AGED 64: “WE SHOULD NEVER EVER GIVE UP”

Sixty-four-year-old Diana Nyad swam through cheering watching crowds off the coast of Key West, Florida, at 2 pm this afternoon as she completed her record-setting swim from Cuba on her fifth attempt.

Nyad, a Los Angeles native, left from Marina Hemingway in Cuba at 8.59 am on Sunday morning.

For Nyad, the Cuba to Florida swim had been an elusive dream over the last 35 years. She was fulfilling an ambition that started in 1978, with her first attempt at the 112-mile swim.

This time, Nyad wore a custom-made mask during her swim that helped protect her face from box jellyfish, a stinging jellyfish that had caused her to stop her last attempt because of burns left on her limbs and face.

Doctors travelling with Nyad during her swim reported today that the 64-year-old endurance swimmer had suffered from swollen lips and a swollen tongue from the salt water and her swimming mask, causing her speech to be slurred, but they did not intervene with the swim.

Joining Nyad on this quest was a 35-member crew that monitored her health and supplied her with food and water during the swim. Nyad was not allowed to touch or be touched by any of the support crews or vessels. Just before reaching Key West, Nyad paused from her 50-hour swim to tell her team that she had abrasions in her mouth from her mask but still wanted to say a few words.

“I am about to swim my last two miles in the ocean,” Nyad said, treading water. “This is a lifelong dream of mine and I’m very glad to be with you. Some on the team are the most intimate friends of my life and some of you I’ve just met. But I’ll tell you something, you’re a special group. You pulled through; you are true professionals and have great hearts. So let’s get going so we can have a whopping party.”

The support team consulted closely with other ships’ crews to plan the best route into Key West. There were tides, eddies, currents, shipping lanes, reefs, sharks and swarms of jellyfish to consider.

Nyad’s eventual arrival on the beach made her the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage. Nyad walked up onto Smathers Beach in Key West surrounded by her supporters to chants of “Nyad, Nyad, Nyad,” and spoke to the crowd as she posed for pictures.

“I have three messages,” said the breathless Nyad. “One is we should never ever give up. Two is you are never too old to chase your dreams. And three is it looks like a solitary sport – but it takes a team.” Her team tweeted at 2pm that, “Our #FearlessNyad has at long last achieved her #XtremeDream. An historic moment that proves #DreamsDoComeTrue.” The tweet was soon followed by one from President Barack Obama, who sent his congratulations to Nyad.

The following text is a letter from the Help the Aged charity.

The picture shows an elderly lady staring out of a window.



The logo says ‘Help the Aged’; underneath it says ‘THE TIME TO CARE IS NOW’ in capital letters. The text is blue. Above the text a yellow sun is rising.



For years, Jean has known nothing but loneliness. Please give £12 to show her you care.

Working for a future where older people are highly valued, have lives that are richer, and voices that are heard.

The picture shows a locket with two photographs in it.



Dear Friend

Since her husband died, all that 77-year-old Jean has for company are her memories and a few fading photographs. She lives alone in her small flat, feeling lonely and forgotten as the world passes by her window.

You could show you care by supporting our Lonely Hearts Appeal. Will you open up your heart to Jean and give a gift of £12 to help change her life?

Once, Jean felt part of a community where everyone looked out for everyone else. She used to have a good neighbour who popped in regularly for a chat over a cup of tea and to check that all was well. This meant a lot to Jean, especially when her health began to deteriorate. Her sight and chest gave her problems and she now needs a stick to steady herself when she walks.

But her neighbour moved, taking away Jean's last friend in the area. Her new neighbours are busy people who wave as they pass, but nothing more.

Jean is too frail to get out much. Even making the short trip for her food shopping is hard. She struggles with the bus, trying to manage her bag of groceries and her walking stick.

More than a million older people in the UK are acutely isolated like Jean, but with the generosity of supporters like you, we can provide services to show them someone cares.

We work with local organisations all around the UK to help them provide minibuses, mobility aids and door-to-door transport for frail and isolated older people in their areas.

Our SeniorLink is an immediate response service which, at the touch of a button, enables older people to call for help or a reassuring chat. In addition, we offer our support to day centres around the country that provide a hot meal and much-needed company that so many older people crave.

Making a donation is easy to do. Please give us just £12 today by completing the enclosed form with the pen provided and returning it with your gift in the prepaid envelope.

Just £12 would make life feel worth living again for thousands of older people like Jean, who are so alone in the world.

I have enclosed a Christmas card with this letter. Please, if you can, take a moment to write your personal message to an older person. It will show them that someone really cares. It could be the only Christmas card they get.

Please act now to put an end to their loneliness. Without our help, thousands of older people like Jean will continue to suffer in silence behind their closed doors.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Lake CBE

Director General

PS More than half of people in the UK who are over the age of 75 live alone and many go for days or weeks without speaking to anyone at all. Please support our Lonely Hearts Appeal and show them they are not forgotten.

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