

East Renfrewshire Good Causes ERGC Achievements Yr 10

First 6 Months Yr 10 Oct 16 – Mar 2017

A thanks, to all friends/supporters who helped us, Love our neighbours. Anyone wishing to join or help ERGoodCauses, can do so by contacting Russell via the following www.ergoodcauses.co.uk or info@ergoodcauses.co.uk T 0141 639 8230 M: 07714293256

East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses	First 6 months Yr 10 Oct 16 - End Mar 2017	Running Totals after 9.5 Years Mar 2017
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 26,267	£303,156
Individual beneficiaries	125 helped	1667 people helped

Above £'s figures are cash spent on “goods & services” - does not include the £ value of supplier discounts, donated time/materials etc. - often double+ the £ spend noted above.

Mar 17 – Lighting equipment for local authority visual impairment rehabilitation officer to provide training to help some registered blind pupils at Isobel Mair school to gain more skills (100%ERGC)

Mar 17 – Window blinds to help 2 young adults on the Autistic spectrum, to set up their own joint tenancy with support workers being provided by local council to maintain independent living (50%)

Mar 17 – An excellent condition, donated electricly powered riser/recliner chair which we got PET tested by a local electrician free of charge – this valuable piece of practical furniture has made it easier for a disabled elderly person to remain living at home instead of a care home (0% Cost)

Mar 17 – Replaced a tumble dryer to help a single mum, who had to give up her job to become the sole full time Carer for her child who suffers from complex disability/incontinence (50% ERGC)

Mar 17 – Recreational gym fees for an adult Carer who returned to Scotland from living abroad, to become full time Carer for her mother with Dementia – we hope the gym will go some way to helping to cope with the demands of being a full time carer for an elderly parent (50% ERGC)

Mar 17 – Waterproof mattress protector and “baby start bed rail” for a kinship Carer who is looking after a young child due to concerns about the childs welfare – doesn't cost much but shows the Carer that we as a community care and support the role this person is taking on (100% ERGC)

Mar 17 – Moses basket, stand and mattress for a new born baby – due to the type of Visa both parents are legally entitled to be here, but have no access to any social security benefits (100%)

East Renfrewshire Good Causes – ERGC ERGoodCauses was set up in 2007 thanks to my life saving pancreas/kidney double transplant, which cured both my type 1 insulin dependent diabetes and the kidney failure brought on by the condition.

ERGoodCauses is powered by those two organs living on inside me, and guided by my personal Christian faith, attempt to say thanks to God for my second gift of life and everyone we help, is done so in honour and memory of the sadly deceased organ donor, as without those donated organs and the divinely inspired business plan, this charity would not exist today. My genuine thanks to the hundreds of our supporters who help us Love our Neighbours in East Renfrewshire

Founder Russell Macmillan 31st March 2017

Mar 17 – Delivered over £500 worth of donated toiletries and non perishable food to the ERC Homeless team based in Clarkston – the majority of this was given by the Broom Church “reverse advent” appeal Nov/Dec 2016 – homeless team distribute directly to the many homeless living in temporary furnished homeless units spread across the whole East Renfrewshire Council area.

Mar 17 – Blinds to help a hard working single parent set up new tenancy after she had to live in temporary furnished homeless property after fleeing domestic violence – worked with East Ren. Domestic Abuse project and funding from Maxwell Mearns castle Christian Support Fund (33%)

Mar 17 – Contributed towards a “powered sports football wheelchair” to enable a third ER resident to play for the Glasgow Warriors Sports Team – youth has Duchenne muscular dystrophy – Worked with Eastwood Rotary Club & Glasgow Gladiators Powerchair FC & another trust (20%)

Mar 17 – Vacuum cleaner & Food Mixer helping a woman suffering several disabilities as a result of sustained physical domestic abuse, to set up new tenancy and escape the violence (100%)

Mar 17 – Carpets/Lino to help a single parent family set up new home after fleeing domestic violence – as parent works, but on low income, it prevents help from Scottish Welfare Fund (80%)

Mar 17 – Replaced a dangerous electric cooker for a socially isolated single adult living in the community – requires home care visiting twice a day ensure medication taken (50% ERGC)

Mar 17 – Décor materials - couple on state benefits and unable to work due to chronic medical conditions (epilepsy + severe depression) – help create a nice bedroom for their child (100%)

Mar 17 – Course of hydro-therapy sessions - “young pensioner”, whose mobility was drastically reduced due to a spinal injury after a fall – helps improve confidence, muscle tone (50%ERGC)

Mar 17 – Helped parents with the cost of a school trip after single wage earner had been made unemployed due to no fault of their own – prevent exclusion through poverty (50%ERGCauses)

Mar 17 – Basic entry level vacuum cleaner for a single mum with 2 pre school kids – hoping this gift encourages mum who suffers from depression showing our community cares (100% ERGC)

Mar 17 – Orthopaedic bed to help a single parent set up new tenancy after living in temporary furnished homeless accommodation after fleeing domestic abuse – Police prosecuting (50%)

Feb 17 – Washing machine and fridge freezer to help single parent family set up new tenancy after time in temporary homeless - domestic violence – no state grant as parent works (50% ERG)

Feb 17 – Contribution towards the cost of a school trip for a young carer – helps single parent ex-forces and disabled parent – its good to prevent exclusion for a worthy child (50% ERGCauses)

Feb 17 – Carpet/lino to enable pensioner (80’s) with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - to move into independent sheltered housing and prevent them going into a care home – Scottish Welfare Fund, previously would have provided this - run out of funds until next financial year (50%)

Feb 17 – Mobile phone with GPS tracking and 4 pre-programmed emergency numbers for a registered blind pensioner, whose eyesight is so reduced, he is unable to have a guide dog (75%)

Feb 17 – A specially designed phone with built in amplifier and better clarity for a pensioner in their 90’s who is hard of hearing and lives alone as a widower – to boost his confidence (100% ERGC)

Feb 17 – Blinds & decorating materials to help an adult with learning difficulties, set up their own tenancy within community – had previously been taken advantage of due to vulnerability (100%)

Feb 17 – Washing machine for a single parent dad, who had to give up work to look after school child after marriage breakdown as employer was unable to provide flexible working hours (50%)

Feb 17 – Transport/removal costs taking an excellent condition, donated suite, chair & coffee table to upgrade/renew a tired sofa for 2 adults with learning difficulties sharing a tenancy (100%ERGC)

Feb 17 – Removal costs to uplift 3 separate nearly new, donated suites/coffee tables etc.- help 3 separate single parent family units set up tenancies - 2 family units living in temporary homeless accommodation after fleeing domestic violence – Worked with ER Domestic Abuse Project (100%)

Feb 17 – Kitchen Lino to help a women set up her own independent house, after spending months in temporary homeless accommodation after fleeing domestic violence – ERDAProject (50%)

Feb 16 – we provided a weighted waistcoat and blanket for use at home, for an autistic child to help them balance, and be more aware of his surroundings – it also makes it easier for the childs parent to care for him at home - attends the specialist “Carlibar Communications Centre” (100%)

Feb 17 – Worked with Cosgrove Care - New cooker hob for a group of 4 adults with special needs who live independently within a shared tenancy with support, in our community (50% ERGCauses)

Feb 17 – A laptop computer for a young adult with learning difficulties and dyslexia to enable them to go to college, with a view to learning new skills to increase their employability chances (100%)

Feb 17 – Cooker for use in the communal/social area of a sheltered housing complex – provide means of cooking in the residents lounge/kitchen – try to help prevent isolation (80% ERGCauses)

Jan 17 – Provide a clothing grant for a hard working school pupil who has extremely limited clothing due to chaotic/impoverished background – despite this, is a model pupil (100% ERGC)

Jan 17 – A weighted blanket, sensory toys and equipment to help the parents calm an early years primary school age child with autism – easier for parents to care for child at home (100% ERGC)

Jan 17 – Replastered 2 bedrooms to help a low income family to move to a more suitable house – have very young child on dialysis who is currently awaiting a kidney transplant (50% ERGCauses)

Jan 17 – Provide an entry level new carpet for the bed sit of a single adult with a disability to help them keep their home warm – this person also is the main Carer for their elderly parent who lives nearby – referral came in from a local Saint Vincent de Paul organisation (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jan 17 – Push chair pram - help a single mum & child fleeing domestic violence - living in temporary homeless unit - mum has a disability – pram enables independence with child – (100%)

Jan 17 – Vinyl floor covering to enable a full time wheelchair dependent adult to use their powered indoor electric wheelchair without snagging and sticking on existing carpet (50% ERGoodCauses)

Jan 17 – A weighted Vest/Support jacket style for a child with both physical disabilities and autism who attends Isobel Mair School – helps child sit in more comfortable position (50% ERGCauses)

Jan 17 – A basic laptop for each of the 6 resettled refugee families who now live within East Renfrewshire as allocated through the Scottish Government programme – help to integrate/find employment etc. Scottish Parliament provided 60% of the cost and ERGCauses contributed 40%.

Jan 17 – Toiletries/non perishable food items donated via collecting points within local Royal Bank of Scotland and CO-OP branches, distributed to low income hard working families (0% ERGC)

Dec 16 – Cash Value Supermarket Gift tokens which were donated to ERGoodCauses from the youth/childrens section of Maxwell Mearns Castle Parish Church – given to under privileged kids.

Dec 16 – Christmas presents for 2 primary school age kids who were recently placed with kinship carers in England – unable to access local gift donations due to their location (100% ERGCauses)

Dec 16 – Computer for a Carer who has hearing impairment to facilitate doing a college course leading to a degree in social sciences – looks after brother with mental health issues (50% EGC)

Dec 16 – Sports Power Chair to allow a young adult – full time wheelchair user with cerebal palsy to play football for the local Glasgow Warriors Wheelchair team – worked in partnership with Eastwood Rotary, Client's Family, Glasgow Warriors trust, and one other (10% ERGoodCauses)

Dec 16 – Supervised “Play Therapy sessions” for a child waiting to be assessed regarding autism – single mum at college trying to improve the prospects for the family unit (100% ERGCauses)

Dec 16 –Gifted powered riser/recliner chair to a pensioner with severe arthritis – currently in temporary homeless accommodation awaiting a permanent council tenancy of their own (0%)

Dec 16 – Bedroom carpet for a Carer – looks after father with Cancer – has 2 kids at primary school – expecting a new baby early next year - recently separated – worked with East Renfrewshire Carers Centre to help this very deserving neighbour (100% ERGoodCauses)

Dec 16 – Mac book computer for a young teenager with severe mobility problems along with Aspergers syndrome – very creative so Mac Book helps the hobbies that he can do now that his physical disabilities prevent the previous swimming, football of normal teenager (50% ERGC)

Dec 16 – Clothing and footwear grant for a mum with young child – living in temporary shelter after fleeing domestic abuse with nothing except the clothes she was wearing – being supported by the East Renfrewshire Domestic Abuse project and ERC Social work dept. (100% ERGoodCauses)

Dec 16 – Sturdy bedroom drawers and a wipeable bean bag – primary school age child with both a brain and spinal tumour – also has Asperger's syndrome and other health issues (100% ERGC)

Dec 16 – Television for a resettled family of refugees to help the children learn English and give the parents a way of keeping up with international news from their country of origin (50% ERGC)

Dec 16 – Warm winter clothing and footwear for two children living with single parent, after other parent fled family home due to serious substance misuse – have no winter items (100% ERGC)

Dec 16 – Laptop computer to enable a young adult with Aspergers to undertake the European Computer Driving Lessons course to improve their employability and gain employment (54%)

Dec 16 – Clothing for an adult who was placed in temporary homeless accommodation after serving their short prison sentence – didn't own a jacket or any warm clothes (100%ERGC)

Nov 16 – Provided leaflets to help an adult with long term mental health issue to gain employment by setting up their own business –worked with Renfrewshire Assoc. Mental Health RAMH (100%)

Nov 16 – Amplified phone from “Action on Hearing Loss” for a couple in their 90's, with hearing & visual impairments to continue communicating with family who live elsewhere for work (100%)

Nov 16 – Replace the wet floor in a previously installed (many years ago) “wet floor shower area” for a full time wheelchair using adult with multiple sclerosis – requires hoist to be added (50%)

Nov 10 – Application fee blue badge, and help to pay gas/electricity and clothing for an ex forces adult - broke his back whilst on active service – worked with SSAFA Forces Help (100% ERGC)

Nov 10 – Helped a tenant of East Renfrewshire Council make the back garden into an enclosed safe play area - to enable the single parent with 2 autistic kids to play outside (12% ERGCauses)

Nov 10 – Combined with Maxwell Mearns Castle Christian Support Fund to purchase a Double children’s buggy for a recently widowed mum with 2 young kids - where one child is suspected of being autistic but is too young to confirm, and has no sense of danger – help mum (50%ERGC)

Oct 16 – Garden play equipment for a growing family of 4 with 2 autistic kids - to help create a safe, but stimulating home garden, to help the parents care for their kids with disabilities – We worked with Enable (small grant) who work with kids and adults with special needs(20%ERGC)

Oct 16 – Provide 3 child stairgates for a single parent with twins that are less than one year old – ensure kids don’t get hurt crawling and giving mum peace of mind/easier to care for (100%)

Oct 16 – Fill in holes in the plasterwork, hang heavy duty lining paper to allow a mum and baby, coming from temporary homeless accommodation into a local council tenancy (poor state of repair), have one room at least where mum could paint walls – fleeing domestic abuse (100%)

Oct 16 – 2 orthopaedic mattresses for 2 separate disabled individuals with chronic back problems that have come to live in East Renfrewshire via the Government resettlement project (50% ERGC)

Oct 16 – A lightweight folding wheelchair with separate power pack to help a husband care for his wife with cancer – also cares for their non-verbal autistic adult daughter (100% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 16 – Remote controlled operated blinds/curtain opening system for a tetraplegic adult – road accident many years ago – lives independently in our community (33% EastRenGoodCauses)

Oct 16 – Footwear & clothing for a vulnerable adult with learning difficulties to encourage an external interest/hobby in a recreation activity, to prevent becoming socially isolated (100%ERGC)

Oct 16 – New breast pump to help a breast feeding mother attend many different hospital appointments due to multiple health issues, whilst relations look after baby (100% ERGCauses)

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In order for our community to help itself and show we care, the best way to join in our effort, is to set up a regular, monthly standing order from as little as £5+ per month if you are an individual, or from £25+ per month if you are a local business.

The following bank details to enable you to set up a standing order and become a friend and supporter of our local charity – please join us – sort code 83 20 22 account number 00137460

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