

East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 11

Second 6 Months Yr 11 – Apr 2018 to Sep 2018

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	Second 6 months Yr 11 Apr - Sep 2018	Running Totals after 11 Years Sep 2018
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 26,222	£ 382,582
Individual beneficiaries	139 helped	2011 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.

Sep 18 – The Carer paid half, we match funded it to buy a slimline riser/recliner chair for the spouse with Dementia – Carer themselves undergoing treatment for Cancer - unable to move the standard sized chair from the state and it also blocked access to bathroom (50% ERGC)

Sep 18 – A push chair buggy to help a single parent take out her kids and prevent her becoming socially isolated – one preschool child is recovering from side effects of chemotherapy – cost was met by both the Broom & Maxwell Mearns castle Church Christian support funds half each (Nil %)

Sep 18 – Working with Jewish Care Scotland, we replaced a broken cooker for an adult with learning difficulties living with support within the community – client paid half (50% ERGCauses)

Sep 18 – Lockable child gates/monitor to help a hard working family be carers & look after an elderly relative - dementia & no risk awareness, who has moved into the family home (100%)

Sep 18 – Removal cost to transport a donated, excellent condition almost new triple wardrobe to help a single mum with child set up their own tenancy after spending 8 months in temporary home less accommodation whilst waiting for their own tenancy – small cost, big difference (100%ERGC)

Sep 18 – Lightweight folding wheelchair that fits into a normal car to enable a family to take their relative out and about – the patient had been discharged from hospital to a semi sheltered flat after recovering from a stroke, but existing wheelchair was too large and couldn't fit in car (100%)

Sep 18 – Two new mattresses for children where one is autistic and sleeps very little and the other child has sensory impairment issues – partnership with MMChristian Support fund (50%ERGC)

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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 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 - or contact 01416398230 or 07714293256 or info@ergoodcauses.co.uk

Sep 18 – Replaced a broken washing machine for a household where single parent mum required to give up job several years ago, in order to provide high level care for autistic young adult (50%)

Sep 18 – Overnight accommodation in London and petrol – parents and young adult to attend a specialist hospital for assessment/treatment – family paid half and so did ERGoodCauses (50%)

Sep 18 – Ten large bags of groceries/toiletries delivered to Overlee house where housing staff will distribute to the many people living in “temporary homeless accommodation” whilst they await their own secure tenancy or other long term housing solution (over 250 homeless in ER annually)

Sep 18 – Along with Cartsbridge Evangelical Church in Busby, we replaced a small amount of money that had been stolen from a local shop in a robbery – we seldom give out cash but in this exceptional case, we had a police incident number and confirmation it’s a genuine case (50%)

Sep 18 – Wheelchair accessible wet floor shower area for a youngster with a chromosome disorder resulting in being a full time wheelchair user – family, hardship fund, council and us (10%)

Sep 18 – Wet floor shower area for a pre school age child with complex disabilities resulting in being doubly incontinent – In partnership with East Renfrewshire Council grant, family, Care & Repair hardship fund along with our contribution to fill the funding gap and love neighbour (15%)

Sep 18 – Trampoline for a hard working family where one of the children is autistic and attends Isobel Mair school – hopefully help the child burn off excess energy and calm them down (50%)

Aug 18 – 4 bags of groceries/toiletries collected by a minister to be gifted out to a local deserving, hardworking single parent family with 3 kids – hopefully a bit of love your neighbour in action (0%)

Aug 18 – Replacement electric cooker for a hard working family on a low income, with 4 kids where one of the kids has special dietary requirements due to a medical condition (50% ERGC)

Aug 18 – Craft materials etc. for a group of teachers & youth workers to run a 2-day event for a group of vulnerable kids who are moving from primary to secondary school (100%)

Aug 18 – A twin kids buggy where single parent mum has slipped discs and struggles to take both pre school age kids out so in danger of social isolation without twin push chair (50% ERGCauses)

Aug 18 – Donated pram after ERGoodCauses put out a Facebook appeal – for a single parent with new born and no family support so very socially isolated and very little income (0% ERGC)

Aug 18 – Donated tv for a homeless person – vulnerable adult with some addiction to alcohol issues - living in temporary accommodation whilst waiting for their own tenancy (0% ERGC)

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Aug 18 – Cot, mattress and bedding for a single parent with very young baby who was left on her own after the father left the family home soon after the birth of new child (100%)

Aug 18 – Combined with family to install laminate flooring as their child with severe learning difficulties had torn up the existing carpet causing trip and health hazard (50%)

Aug 18 – An emergency clothing grant for a frontline worker to purchase some very basic clothing from local supermarket for a homeless adult with only the clothes they turned up in – no socks, underwear etc. – had alcohol addiction issues and fleeing violence (100%)

- Aug 18 – 4 bags groceries/toiletries to a social worker who had 2 clients with nothing to eat and couldn't access the existing "ER Trussell Trust" foodbank - was closed for weekend (0% ERGC)
- Aug 18 – Seat belt harness that can't be unlocked whilst car in motion – allows autistic child to remain safe instead of being unrestrained after undoing normal seat belt (50%)
- Aug 18 – Pulled together many funders to provide' an expensive piece of equipment for a wheelchair that isn't provided by the NHS for a teenager born with no legs – ERGCauses, Saint Vincent de Paul, Redhurst Hotel, ER health/social care & family all contributed (14%)
- Aug 18 – Stair lift in a communal close to prevent an adult with terminal lung cancer being housebound – not provided by state funding – family paid some and we paid some (30%)
- Jul 18 – Clothing grant to a social worker who will purchase some basic clothing for 2 kids at primary school age, who are being looked after by kinship carer due to the single parent mother having a severe mental health episode – preventing her caring as a mother (100%)
- Jul 18 – basic carpeting hall and stairs to prevent a toddler crawling about on bare floor boards – single mum had to give up work due to no support network for childcare (100%)
- Jul 18 – Clothes for a vulnerable adult - had been taken advantage of financially and fled re fear of violence – presented as homeless with only the clothes they were wearing and literally nothing else – ERGC store gave toiletries/groceries – Police following up (100%)
- Jul 18 – A suit and clothing to enable a young person currently in a young offender's institution to attend a parent's funeral – client has no suitable clothing & no income (100%)
- Jul 18 – Hedge trimmers for a young adult coming out of the "care system" and setting up their own home for the first time and has no garden equipment and little money (100%)
- Jul 18 – Gave 12 bags of toiletries/Groceries to the Mormon church for distribution to deserving households in ER and helping them to Love our neighbours (0% ERGCauses)
- Jul 18 – A "Buzz Clip" to a registered blind adult who is learning to use a white long cane to & this "safety sensor" provides additional confidence and safety – combined funding from client, Maxwell Mearns castle Christian Support Fund & East Ren. Good Causes (25%ERGC)
- Jul 18 – Gave 10 hygiene packs of basic toiletries to a "campus cop" to distribute to deserving people and try to help alleviate poverty – great to work with Police Scotland (0%)
- Jul 18 – An iPad to help a registered blind adult maintain as much independence as possible, despite failing eyesight – they know our community cares about them (50%ERGC)
- Jun 18 – Combining with the Christian Support funds from Broom and Maxwell Mearns Castle churches along with our contribution to ensure that a pupil at a local secondary school did not miss out - educational trip due to low income/circumstances of family (33%)
- Jun 18 – In partnership with others including Broom & Maxwell Mearns castle churches, we provided a "buzz clip" (works like a car rear parking warning sensor) which helps blind & visually impaired people whilst out and about – gave it to local authority rehab worker for blind/partially sighted to help demonstrate and identify suitable people in East Ren (0%)
- Jun 18 – Tickets for a recreation event to support a kinship carer and ensure the "cared for" person was not disadvantaged and excluded due to low income household (10%ERGC)

- Jun 18 – 4 bags toiletries/groceries given via social work to a kinship Carer, who is trying to prevent her 2 young cousins being taken into the state “Care System” (0%ERGCauses)
- Jun 18 – Fold down bed settee for a hard working young person who experienced time being homeless, through no fault of their own, and finds they are limited to the benefit support to furnish a new tenancy because they are working – seems unfair (0% ERGC)
- Jun 18 – Voice activated talking microwave for a registered blind adult living independently in their own property – after eyesight deteriorated too much to use normal controls (50%)
- Jun 18 – provided a chest of drawers, duvet and pillows to help a single parent and child after fleeing domestic abuse – we topped up state provision to show we care (100%)
- Jun 18 – High powered external security lights both front and rear of house to try and deter any further malicious damage being done to the house and the car by estranged ex-partner - police and social services involved – lights to provide reassurance & show we care (100%)
- Jun 18 – A donated second hand television we got PAT tested and gave to a male adult who was living in temporary homeless accommodation after fleeing domestic violence from the marital home after a 25+ year marriage broke down through the violence (0%)
- Jun 18 – In partnership with “Off Grid Kids” and “SupERkids” we provided specialist matting to enable any wheelchair dependent kids to be included in activities so a really great team effort by everyone to ensure the inclusion of all kids as it should be (33%ERGC)
- Jun 18 – 12 large bags with a couple of boxes of non-perishable food delivered to a local community food bank after it appealed for help due to running low on certain items (0%)
- Jun 18 – To help an adult with non-verbal Autism and learning difficulties remain living independently within the community, we contributed to the family effort to replace a caravan which is an essential “time out de stress” location which prevents meltdown (4%)
- Jun 18 – Paid a roof repair for a vulnerable pensioner who had been taken advantage of by unscrupulous rogue trader – reported to police/trading standards not enough evidence – Saint Vincent de Paul paid the other half of the reputable roofing contractor to fix (50%)
- Jun 18 – High spec laptop with special facilities to help an adult with virtually no hearing – this computer will enhance his personal life and allow access to the latest software (50%)
- Jun 18 – Toiletries to a local church for them to distribute to some deserving households living within the community – we work with many different partners to show we care (0%)
- Jun 18 – In partnership with the Redhurst Hotel Community Fund, we provided an iPad for a nonverbal autistic child who attends Isobel Mair special needs school (75%ERGCauses)
- Jun 18 – We paid for a plumber to go and fix a broken boiler for a family with 1 very young child on “child supervision order” where family income is reliant only on benefits (100%)
- Jun 18– In partnership with Jewish Care Scotland, provided new washing machine to replace old broken one, for an adult with disabilities living with support in the community (50%)
- Jun 18 – Floor vinyl for kitchen – adult with cerebral palsy and learning difficulties who is not wheelchair user – worn old flooring was a trip hazard for client unsteady on feet (100%)

May 18 – Driving lessons for an early 50's wife and daughter who acts as a full time carer for both her mobility impaired husband with multiple disabilities & her elderly mother (50%)

May 18 – Decorated a large part of a house where several adults with disabilities live within this supported accommodation within the community – residents paid part (30% ERGC)

May 18 – Combined with Maxwell Mearns castle Christian Support Fund, a Newton Mearns Benevolent trust, some Self Directed Support money and ERG Causes to provide a safety fence and decorate the bedroom for a single parent looking after a young adult with Autism (25% ERGC)

May 18 – Basic household items crockery, toaster etc. to help a late 20's adult set up their own tenancy after spending some time "sleeping rough" to try and prevent tenancy failure (100%)

May 18 – 2 separate pieces of specialist pieces of equipment for a young child with complex health difficulties to ensure safety and better back support when in car seat or carry seat (45%)

May 18 – Recreational trip for a group of young adults with little or no family support who live independently within the community, but exist on very low income levels (100% ERG Causes)

May 18 – High chair & other baby stuff for a six-month old who is showing signs of slower development potentially due to the difficult home environment with the single mum (100% ERGC)

May 18 – Three bags of toiletries/Groceries to a client waiting for their benefits money to come through, and we gave a spare couple of bags to the Youth intensive support service were able to give out at very short notice as they deal with some of the most vulnerable (0%)

May 18 – Basic entry level Television to help a young adult set up their own tenancy, after spending a prolonged period in temporary homeless accommodation whilst waiting a flat of their own – this person has engaged well with staff and is trying to help themselves (100% ERGC)

May 18 – Driving lessons for the wife of a husband in his 30's who has been forced to give up work due to a succession of mini strokes caused by an underlying genetic disorder – they also have a pre school age child so mum driving is required as dad is no longer able to (50% ERGC)

Apr 18 – In combination with East Renfrewshire Council, Care & Repair, we provided a level access wet floor shower area - mobility impaired diabetic, with Angina & other health issues (10%)

Apr 18 – In partnership with the Maxwell Mearns castle Christian Support Fund, we gave a basic washing machine to a young single parent to ensure young child had clean clothes (50% ERGC)

Apr 18 - Ten bags of toiletries/groceries from the ERGC store delivered to the Barrhead and Neilston Disability Forum Band F to help some of the disabled & socially isolated members (0%)

Apr 18 – Two stairgates to help single mum make her home environment safe for baby (100%)

Apr 18 – New washing machine to a widow with 3 school age kids – with approval from the mum, we referred this case to a local Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) and we offered to pay half of the cost in partnership with them, however SVP opted to pay the whole cost so nil cost to us (0% ERGC)

Apr 18 – New couch for a retired nurse reliant on state benefits with a very small pension, who had to move to sheltered accommodation after a deterioration in her mobility due to a long term back condition and has recently recovered from Cancer – also did a lot of volunteering (100% ERGC)

Apr 18 – New flooring to help a disabled adult set up their own tenancy after a relationship breakdown led them to become homeless – client paid half as did we (50% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 18 – Due to a “cooler display breakdown” in a local M&S/Petrol Station, we distributed over a thousand pounds worth of food to local disabled, elderly, low income families (0% ERGCauses)

Apr 18 – In partnership with East Renfrewshire Council, Care & Repair Renfrewshire and ERGoodCauses, we installed a wet floor shower/bathroom for a full time wheelchair dependent single parent adult with multiple sclerosis – had to retire due to deterioration of MS (10%ERGC)

Apr 18 – Transport costs to deliver a PET tested, donated “Riser/Recliner” chair to an adult with bone cancer who was bed bound due to the spread of the disease – with the support of this chair he is able to spend time in the living room of his home without being in great discomfort (100%)

Apr 18 – In partnership with Jewish Care Scotland, we provided a lounge seat to enable an adult with Aspergers Syndrome to relocate - more suitable supported living, home environment (30%)

Apr 18 – Ten bags of toiletries/groceries from the ERGC store delivered to the East Renfrewshire Domestic Abuse Project for distribution amongst women & children fleeing domestic abuse (0%)

Apr 18 – Cooker to help a disabled working adult (so not entitled to a Scottish welfare Fund grant as not on benefit) who paid half the cost, to set up new home after relationship breakdown (50%)

Apr 18 – Fridge freezer to help a pensioner set up his own tenancy after having to flee the long term marital home due to ongoing domestic violence by his now estranged wife (50%ERGC)

Apr 18 – Groceries/Toiletries for a family unit with a widowed mum and 3 teenage kids – father died from a brain tumour – paid off mortgage but left reliant on state benefits to live on (0%ERGC)

Apr 18 – Provided a donated electric keyboard to a pupil who had no musical instrument at home for practice, but wished to take music as a subject -secondary school in East Renfrewshire (0%)

Apr 18 – Wheelchair accessible laminate flooring for a new ground floor flat where resident is a full time wheelchair user as a result of a spinal injury – moving closer to family (50% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 18 – Groceries/toiletries - young adult recently released from short term prison sentence - no benefits for several weeks so literally hungry – try to prevent re-offending to get fed (0%ERGC)

Apr 18 – Removal costs to uplift and deliver one donated “riser/recliner chair” to a disabled pensioner and uplift and deliver another one to church premises to wait for re allocation (100%)

Apr 18 – A basic entry level television to an adult living in temporary sparsely furnished homeless flat, whilst waiting for a permanent tenancy – adult had no access to current affairs/news (90%)

Apr 18 – Combined with family to purchase a single bed for the husband/Carer after his wife had to use a hospital bed at home as a result of a stroke – allowed husband to sleep in same room (50%)

Apr 18 – Full length hand/grab rails outside the back door of a house – adult carer suffers from severe Vertigo/Meniere disease – grab rails to help her get back up after fall (50%ERGC)

Apr 18 – Twelve bags of toiletries/groceries from the ERGC store delivered to Overlee Lodge for distribution amongst the many people across ER living in temporary homeless flats (0% ERGC)

Apr 18 – Removed a bath to create a walk in wet floor shower area for a pensioner with mobility issues that prevent her getting in/out of her existing bath – ERC, Care & Repair, us (10% ERGC)

East Renfrewshire Good Causes – ERGC ERGoodCauses was set up in 2007 thanks to my life saving pancreas/kidney double transplant, that 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 30th September 2017**

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Thank you to the following business for their support of ERGC – please join them

Eastwoodmearns Taxis – Nicol Estate Agents – Lorne Greig Website Design

Taylor Wimpey – CALA Homes - Extra Newspaper – Sight & Sound Technologies Ltd.

Turnkey IT - Quiet Design Studio – ABC Pet Supplies – Whitecraigs Tennis Club

Eastwood Rotary Club - Chauffeur Tour Scotland - Curtis Moore Limited

Clarkston Toll Dental Practice - R McManus, Gas Plumbing and Heating

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Woodstock Contracts Ltd - The Redhurst Hotel - Austin Lafferty Solicitors

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