

East Renfrewshire Good Causes ERGC Achievements Yr.12

First 6 Months Yr 12 Oct 18 – Mar 2019

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 12 Oct 18 - End Mar 2019	Running Totals after 11.5 Years Mar 2019
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 26,791	£409,373 direct
Individual beneficiaries	129 helped	2140 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 19 – Money to a social worker – take adult client to buy some clothes to increase the client's chances of gaining employment – long period of poverty due to mental health issues (50% ERGC)

Mar 19 – 2 x £30 grants given to local primary school to allow teachers to do a supervised spend to buy emergency food for the kids over the weekend after separate families have no food (100%)

Mar 19 – Bunk bed base for a hard working single wage earner family on low income to help alleviate the overcrowding home situation where one child has chronic health condition (50%)

Mar 19 - A public access defibrillator, stand and installation outside the Auchenback Resource Centre, Barrhead – Worked with Lavern Valley community DEFIB Partnership (28% ERGCauses)

Mar 19 – 5 large bags of donated groceries/toiletries from the CO-OP store at Broom Road East in Newton Mearns down to Overlee House for distribution amongst the homeless in East Ren (0%)

Mar 19 – Donated kitchen ware, crockery, glasses etc. given to a young couple setting up home with nothing after living in temporary homeless flat whilst waiting for a place of their own (0%)

Mar 19 – Through Barrhead Citizens Advice Bureau, we provided a basic microwave for a single dad with primary school age child who had no cooking facilities as cooker had broken down – would take at least 14 days for Scottish Welfare Fund to replace cooker (100% ERGoodCauses)

Mar 19 – Slabbed an area of driveway to enable wheelchair dependent pensioner to remain independent in own home after ER Council installed a ramp at front of house – additional slab work required to facilitate client transferring from car to wheelchair – client paid half (50% ERGC)

Mar 19 – Car load of donated groceries/toiletries from the Royal Bank of Scotland in Giffnock to Overlee house for distribution amongst the many homeless living within ER in temporary flats (0%)

ERGoodCauses was founded in 2007 by registered blind man Russell Macmillan, who had his life saved by receiving a successful pancreas/kidney transplant that cured his type 1 Diabetes and kidney failure. In following his personal Christian faith, he wished to honour the memory of the sadly deceased organ donor, by loving our neighbours in ER. This was only made possible thanks to the 2 donated organs living on inside him

Feb 19 – Insurance policy to provide reassurance against future breakages of a personal laptop used by a young adult with nonverbal autism – prone to be careless due to disability (100%)

Feb 19 – Top up Nursery school fees to support a young mother fleeing domestic violence where the ex-partner had taken loans out in her name - left her to pay the unsustainable debt (100%)

Feb 19 – A new bed for an autistic child with severe sensory issues – family consist of an ex-serviceman who is currently unable to work whilst receiving support to help with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after leaving active service (50% ERGoodCauses)

Feb 19 – Replaced a non-functioning toilet for a vulnerable pensioner who had been financially taken advantage of by an unscrupulous financial advisor via complex equity release (50%ERGC)

Feb 19 – Bunk bed for a large family where 2 kids were sleeping on mattresses on the floor as a result of second hand bunk beds broke – Social work are paying for another set of beds (50%)

Feb 19 – Basic suit from a supermarket for a middle aged adult to attend their single parent's funeral – adult had next to no clothing and need only appeared 48 hours prior to cremation (100%)

Jan 19 – Microwave, Asda vouchers, 4 bags groceries/toiletries for an ex services veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder – had been living for over a month using only a kettle/cup for very basic food with no means of cooking – no carpets. Bed, cooking utensils – clearly has slipped through the system and many support services are now engaging but it takes time (100% ERGC)

Jan 19 – Washer/Dryer for a pensioner with spinal arthritis, spondylosis, diverticulitis resulting in additional requirement to wash/dry bed clothes due to medical conditions (50% ERGC)

Jan 19 – Car load of breakfast products given to local primary school to enable volunteer teachers to run a breakfast club to support vulnerable kids and families. (0% ERGC)

Jan 19 – Replaced a worn out tumble dryer for a low income family where dad works but mum needs to stay at home to look after severely disabled child with double incontinence (50%ERGC)

Jan 19 - Decor materials to help a kinship Carer make a bedroom suitable for a preschool child - mother was unable to look after the child due to substance misuse/addiction meaning child had to be looked after by hard working grandparent who had to stop working to become mum (100%)

Jan 19 – A public access defibrillator, stand and installation outside the ERCouncil building in Main Street Barrhead – Worked with Levern Valley community DEFIB Partnership (28% ERGCauses)

Jan 19 – Accompanied transport for two elderly world war 2 veterans with sight loss to attend the Scottish War Blinded resource centre in Paisley – this payment will allow them 6 return journeys each way with a trained sighted guide – We funded it initially but subsequently were recompensed by the charity Jewish Care Scotland so 0% actual cost to East Renfrewshire GoodCauses

PLEASE HELP US TO LOVE OUR OWN NEIGHBOURS IN EAST RENFREWSHIRE

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

Jan 19 – Matched parent's contribution to allow the dad, a fully qualified plumber, to buy easy entry shower cubicle and access equipment, so that he could install a wet floor shower area to allow their physically disabled child, who attends Isobel Mair school to get safely showered (50%)

Jan 19 – Purchased suite (£30) from the excellent second hand furniture initiative called "Helping Hands G78" for a hardworking, low income family – help those trying to help themselves (100%)

Dec 18 – Money to social worker to go out and buy suitable clothing for a young teenager who has had to move and live in a kinship carer set up due to the drug addiction of both the parents (50%)

Dec 18 – Driving lessons in partnership with Orchardhill & Netherlee Parish churches, along with social work (SDS money) – for a mum with a severely disabled primary school age child – state will provide a Motability car once mum passes her test – help many hospital visits child unable to use public transport due to the many disabilities and complex special needs (10% ERGCauses)

Dec 18 – Working with Netherlee Parish Church we provided a Christmas present for a child whose single parent who had a previous chaotic lifestyle due to drug dependency – mum engaged with social work, addiction services and stabilising her life for the benefit of her and child (50%)

Dec 18 – Money to a social worker to purchase 3 small Christmas gifts for a mother fleeing domestic abuse with her 3 kids and living in temporary homeless accommodation (100% ERGC)

Dec 18 – We received contributions from ERC Social Work (SDS), Saint Joseph's Clarkston, Netherlee and Orchardhill parish churches, and the family to purchase an outdoor buggy suitable for a young teenager with complex disabilities, to enable them to go out with the rest of the family.

Dec 18 – Basic entry level fridge/freezer for a family unit where mum is fleeing domestic violence along with 2 children – one kid is autistic – state provided carpets etc. and we topped up (100%)

Dec 18 – A PAT tested donated Television given to a family who were setting up a new tenancy after spending pro longed period staying in temporary homeless accommodation (0% ERGC)

Dec 18 – An iPad for a teenager with learning difficulties where parents paid half and we paid half – it's nice when our community gives a helping hand to show we care (50% ERGoodCauses)

Dec 18 – Paint & Decor materials for a hardworking, low income family to create a better home environment and encourage the kids – early intervention to provide encouragement (100% ERGC)

Dec 18 – Computer to facilitate "home schooling" for an autistic teenager who finds attending school too stressful and causes severe anxiety due to the disability – the parents, Redhurst Hotel, Enable, ERGoodCauses all contributed – expensive due to specialist software (25% ERGC)

Dec 18 – iPad for a primary school age child to help develop the communication skills that are limited due to a disability – hard working parents deserve a helping hand (84%ERGoodCauses)

Dec 18 – Delivered 13 bags of donated groceries/toiletries from the CO-OP store in Broom Road East in Newton Mearns and delivered to Overlee in Clarkston, which is the base for the homeless support team who will distribute to the many living in temporary homeless accommodation (0%)

Dec 18 – Removal costs to facilitate a vulnerable adult living in an inappropriate location with high likelihood of being taken advantage of, and into semi sheltered housing complex (100%ERGC)

Dec 18 – Basic mobile phone for a pensioner who had sold everything they owned to try and prevent bankruptcy – frontline staff couldn't communicate with client and provide much needed support as circumstances were getting on top of this person, resulting in suicidal thoughts (100%)

LOVE A NEIGHBOUR TODAY and DO SOMETHING GOOD – MIGHT JUST BE A SMILE

Dec 18 – Transport costs to move a donated riser recliner chair from one location to another – benefit of a severely mobility impaired pensioner to improve quality of life (100% ERGoodCauses)

Dec 18 – Part funded new carpets for a family with a wheelchair dependent primary school age child after moving to a more suitable property for the child's disability - hard working parents earning slightly too much to get any help because they work, so aren't entitled to state help (40%)

Dec 18 – Contributed towards the cost of a boiler replacement to help a Carer looking after their elderly parent with dementia as the heating system had broken – shows we care (15% ERGC)

Dec 18 – Match funded the Maxwell Mearns castle Christian Support Fund to buy a uniform for a low income family reliant on benefits to ensure child was not disadvantaged against peers (50%)

Dec 18 – Matched a client £ for £ to buy equipment that allowed the pensioner with poor hearing, is now able to hear the television again, so improved their quality of life (50% ERGC)

Dec 18 – Helped a low income family where one parent is disabled, to pay for a school trip to ensure the pupil wasn't excluded on the grounds of poverty due to parent's disability (35% ERGC)

Dec 18 – Combined with Self direct payment, 2 churches Broom & Maxwell Mearns castle Christian Support Funds and ourselves to enable a full time wheelchair user to attend a training course - gain a sports teaching qualification - then set up their own business as a coach (5%)

Dec 18 – Contributed £500 to the purchase of uniforms and equipment for the newly established "Newton Mearns First Responders" unit currently operating out of Parklands Club in NM (38%)

Nov 18 – Laptop to help an adult Carer enrol in an educational class to help alleviate some of the stresses surrounding them through their role as a carer – client matched £ for £ (50% ERGC)

Nov 18 - £25 given to a social worker to purchase basic hygiene products for a young adult with a learning difficulties diagnosis whose presentation has declined since choosing to leave the support being offered by a foster family – client has capacity but is vulnerable (100% ERGCauses)

Nov 18 – Contribution shared with the client to purchase a riser recliner chair – adult with both physical and psychiatric disabilities – we try and show we care (60% ERGoodCauses)

Nov 18 – Christmas present for a child who recently lost their single parent to cancer – kinship arrangement in place, both new parents working, low income and looking after extra child (100%)

Nov 18 – Match funded £ for £ a hard working single parent to ensure their child was not excluded from an educational school trip due to poverty, partly caused by family breakdown/divorce (50%)

Nov 18 – Vouchers from church Harvest donation for a single mum with child in nappies who has been trying to live on £60 a week whilst caseworkers look into her entitlements and benefits (0%)

Nov 18 – We were gifted a privately bought "2 flight of stairs lift" after the loss of the user through cancer – by working in partnership with Equipu and local authority so it didn't go to landfill (0%)

Nov 18 – A contribution to the cost of a home adaptation to help the parents care for their severely disabled child with Rhett's syndrome – showing the parents that the community cares (5% ERGC)

Are you a group operating within East Renfrewshire ? On our website we have a section called "Group Partners" which acts like a directory of the different group we work with to try and improve our community. If you have a group that you would like added - please contact Russell via info@ergoodcauses.co.uk or 07714293256

Nov 18 – Donated groceries from Belmont House Nursery school delivered to Overlee House to be distributed to the many homeless people in ER living in temporary accommodation whilst waiting to be offered a permanent place of their own from ER Council (0% ERGoodCauses)

Nov 18 – Asda vouchers £30 donated from Maxwell Mearns castle Church to help cover the transition between sickness benefit and moving onto Universal credit as he is well enough to re-enter the workplace, but has no money till the new benefits start getting paid (0% ERGoodCauses)

Nov 18 – Match funded family £ for £ for a utility bill – mum had to give up her job as a police officer to home school their non verbal autistic child with complex disabilities & needs (50%ERGC)

Nov 18 – Washing machine to help a recently housed homeless person to keep their work clothes clean and return to work – new tenancy & wage slightly too high to qualify for benefit help but has no money until first month of employment completed & no way to keep clothes clean (100%)

Nov 18 – Electric door opener for domestic house to enable a pensioner in a wheelchair to close the bathroom door maintain dignity – lives with family including autistic young adult (50% ERGC)

Nov 18 – Provided £100 of ASDA vouchers to Overlee House in Clarkston to enable the staff to purchase £100 worth of groceries to restock the supplies and distribute amongst the many homeless living in temporary furnished accommodation whilst waiting for a tenancy of their own – vouchers were gifted to ERGoodCauses from Maxwell Mearns castle Church harvest offering (0%)

Nov 18 – In partnership with Scottish Government and East Renfrewshire Council we contributed to a television and basic entry level laptop to help a recently arrived "Syrian refugee family" to integrate into the community to welcome and encourage them to access employment (40%ERGC)

Nov 18 – Replaced a broken double glazed window unit for a pensioner – Police came out as a visiting family member with alcohol issues smashed it – pensioner paid half (50% ERGCauses)

Nov 18 – Made a contribution towards the cost of a headstone after the sad death of a local child as a way of showing we care as a community – family paid 75% and we contributed rest (25%)

Oct 18 – Cot bed for a baby born to one of the refugee families who have been resettled in East Renfrewshire under the Scottish Governments Syrian resettlement programme (100% ERGC)

Oct 18 – Telephone with built in amplifier and large buttons to help an elderly resident with poor eyesight and hearing loss remain independent and living at home (100% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 18 – Ipad for a nonverbal autistic child to try and calm the child down and make it easier for the parents to care and look after the child who has challenging behaviours 50% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 18 – Asda vouchers worth £30 to buy food for a young man who recently started work but has no money until first wage comes in at the end of the month (0% as donated to us by church)

Oct 18 – Matched client on a £ for £ basis to purchase a wheelchair power pack to enable carers to take this mobility impaired person out and prevent them being housebound (50% ERGCauses)

Oct 18 – Installed new shower with an “anti-scald” safety feature to prevent a client with dementia from getting burnt whilst showering due to confusion caused by the condition (50% ERGCauses)

Oct 18 – Blinds, table/chairs, paint etc. to help a single mum with 3 kids make the home environment more suitable for the kids as a family home – 1 kid has special needs (100% ERGC)

Oct 18 – 2 stair gates to provide safety and peace of mind for a single mum with young child and new born baby – family unit has no social network or family support (100% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 18 – Wet floor shower adaptation to help a Carer maintain the hygiene of an elderly relative who suffers with severe dementia and restricted mobility – 4 funders including family (12% ERGC)

Oct 18 – Portable video magnifier allowing the reading of labels/cooking instructions etc. despite having significant sight loss due to macular degeneration - help person in their 90's remain at home and improves the quality of their life – We matched the clients own contribution (50%ERGC)

Oct 18 – Donated pram, baby clothes, baby gates, car seat and baby bouncer for a hard working family so grandparent could child mind and allow return to work for the parent (0% ERGCauses)

Oct 18 – Contributed along with family and East Renfrewshire council to provide a wet floor shower area to help a Carer look after her recently retired husband with Dementia (12.5% ERGCause)

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