

East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 12

Second 6 Months Yr 12 – Apr 2019 to Sep 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	Second 6 months Yr 12 Apr - Sep 2019	Running Totals after 12 Years Sep 2019
Goods Out purchased	£ 37,128	£ 446,501
Goods Out Donated	Circa £37,021+	Circa £ 448,301+
Combined value out	£ 74,149	£ 895,002
Individual beneficiaries	163 helped	2,303 people helped

Above £'s figures are cash spent on “goods & services” - and the estimated £ value of supplier discounts, donated time/materials etc. - often double+ the £ spend noted above.

Sep 19 – Provided a 3 seater pram for a mum who is unable to drive due to a medical condition – we asked Caudwell Children and Saint Joseph’s Clarkston combine with us to purchase it (15%)

Sep 19 – Paid the transport costs to relocate a donated, valuable, riser/recliner that we got PET tested delivered to pensioner - was struggling to get out of her chair – more independence (100%)

Sep 19 – In partnership with Saint Joseph’s church in Clarkston, we provided music therapy lessons for a teenager on the autistic spectrum to try and generate interests and hobbies, which makes it easier for mum to care for him at home – he gets very frustrated due to autism (50%)

Sep 19 – Money to a social worker to purchase bedroom storage, light shades etc to make it more attractive for 2 kids on the Autistic spectrum remain in their room overnight and give parents some respite – one parent severely depressed and other parent hospitalised due to stress (100%ERGC)

Sep 19 – Match funded single mum to buy second hand furniture from Helping Hands G78 to help set up their own tenancy – Scottish welfare fund provided some items and we topped it up (50%)

Sep 19 – Match funded client’s contribution to access specialist “neurological physio” for an adult living in the community – relies on tracking hoists to transfer as his form of cerebral palsy has progressed leading to very stiff muscles, poor joints and virtually no mobility (25% ERGCauses)

Sep 19 – Match funded family to provide a garden fence which secures the garden for two children on the autistic spectrum who have no sense of danger (50% ERGoodCauses)

Sep 19 – Washing machine to help a mum and kids, fleeing domestic abuse, to set up their own tenancy after spending time living in temporary homeless accommodation (50% ERGCauses)

Sep 19 – Paint and other garden materials to allow a team of volunteers from Waitrose and a parent of a child at Isobel Mair school who organised it, to improve the outdoor and entrance area to the school which is located in Newton Mearns – great team effort mum and volunteers (100%)

Sep 19 – New mattress to replace damaged one – client uses mattress aviator to help him sit up and get out of bed as he is mobility impaired – old one damaged constant wear & tear (58%)

Sep 19 – Double slab width pathway to prevent an amputee pensioner who is a full time wheelchair user being housebound – increases their independence and shows we care (33%)

Sep 19 – Blinds for new tenancy - single mum with three kids where all kids have different forms of “special needs”. The state provided white goods, carpets and we topped up with the blinds (100%)

We at ERGoodCauses would like to thank the many religious and other groups that work with us to show our neighbours we care – A special thanks to churches including Maxwell Mearns castle Saint Josephs, Netherlee COS, Orchardhill COS, Jewish Care, Saint Johns, and Caudwell Children, Independence at Home etc. – We couldn't do our work without the vital support we get.

Aug 19 – Powered adjustable bed with massage function for an adult with multiple, complex disabilities – client contributed 55% from disability benefits and we topped it up (45%ERGC)

Aug 19 – Clothing grant - enable a child to get “school branded” uniform as school has a strict uniform policy - clothing banks only able to provide generic blazer without school badge etc. (50%)

Aug 19 – Double buggy and new baby mattress – single mum with very young child and new born who are living in temporary homeless accommodation after fleeing domestic violence (50%)

Aug 19 – Fuel cost enabling “Kinship Caring Family” return travel to England helping the child they now look after, recover from the traumatic experiences resulting in the care placement (50%)

Aug 19 – Part funded new bed to set up a new tenancy - to help a recently retired on medical grounds adult, who had spent time “couch surfing” due to being homeless – had also suffered a stroke and other health issues resulting in loss of earnings as a self-employed person (46%)

Aug 19 – Mobility Scooter and car hoist for a mother with Multiple Sclerosis to enhance her independence and ability to be mum – combined with family, MS society, Firefighters benevolent fund and Saint Joseph's church in Clarkston – working together to love our neighbour (15%ERGC)

Aug – Delivered 10 bags “groceries & toiletries” to Overlee centre - staff will oversee distribution amongst the many residents living in temporary homeless units awaiting tenancies (0%)

Aug 19 – Installed even slabbing to an area previously with stones, to reduce the “fall risk” for a retired policeman who suffers from dementia and has tendency to trip and lose balance (50%)

Aug 19 – £250 to a social worker to carry out a supervised spend on basic essentials like food/electricity etc. for a women & child who have been abandoned by spouse, but until immigration status is transferred from Spouse Visa, they have no access to public funds (50%)

Aug 19 – Almost new household items – Hoover, microwave, cooking utensils, plates, crockery, cutlery to help an adult set up own tenancy after spending time couch surfing as homeless (0%)

Aug 19 – Clothing grant to social worker/supervised spend on clothing for a vulnerable single parent with child, who had to stop work due to bullying affected her mental health (100% ERGC)

Aug 19 – worked with Levern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership to install another “public access” defib machine in Barrhead – location – (27%ERGC)

Jul 19 – Clothing grant to carry out a supervised spend and purchase a suit and clothing for a young adult to attend a job interview – young adult trying to improve their life chances (50%)

Jul 19 – Storage boxes and units to help a family with several young children and mother with serious chronic depression manage to get the home environment better for the kids (50%ERGC)

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Jul 19 – Installed an electric powered garage door to enable pensioner to access their new mobility scooter – were unable to manage opening traditional garage door (25% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 19 – worked with Lavern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership to install another “public access” defib machine in Barrhead – location – (27%ERGC)

Jul 19 – Worked with Saint John’s chapel, the deceased’s brother and sister, to help fund the funeral costs – deceased had no family - siblings worked hard but on low incomes (20% ERGC)

Jul 19 – Provided £75 to teacher to purchase lunch over a week for a group of disadvantaged pupils attending a special school summer club to help integrate these kids into school life (100%)

Jul 19 – combined with family to purchase a mobility scooter for an elderly neighbour with poor mobility – prevent being housebound and regaining more independence (25% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 19 – With client and other trust to provide a machine that magnifies, takes pictures that you can enlarge/change background colour to enable a visually impaired adult to read (40%ERGC)

Jul 19 – Deep Clean the house for a pensioner couple who are both mobility impaired, require to use a commode and have had several issues with this – combined with local health and social care partnership who paid half as did ERGoodCauses (50% ERGC)

Jul 19 – Second hand items from Helping Hands G78 furniture/white goods recycling centre for a low income family with no bed base/washing machine – moved onto Universal Credit – (50%)

Jul 19 - Toys and other educational products for a group to encourage mothers to breast feed – often bring older siblings but they don’t have much to stimulate the older brothers & sisters (100%)

Jun 19 – Donated toiletries to an individual who is creating “Care boxes” - are distributed to those suffering from mental health issues – lovely gesture to show someone cares – great idea (0%)

Jun 19 – Laptop to allow a very long term in patient to listen to music – adult with serious mental health diagnosis - unlikely to be released into the community as medication no longer works (40%)

Jun 19 - Printing of leaflets for an informal group “cuppa and a blether” who meet at 1pm every Tuesday and Fridays at the Greenhouse café located in the Eastwood Health & Care Centre in Clarkston – a friendship group to help prevent social isolation in the local area (100% ERGC)

Jun 19 – Match funded family contribution, and 80% grant from ER Council to provide a “wet floor bathing facility” for a mobility impaired young pensioner unable to access bath (10% ERGCauses)

Jun 19 – Entrance tickets/small amount of spending money for a family unit to go on a recreational trip – one parent couldn't work due to mental health and child has disability – having just moved onto Universal credit, they would have been excluded from peers due to poverty (100%)

Jun 19 – Part Funded with other trust/ clients SDS budget to purchase an electric keyboard and lessons – non-verbal, registered blind autistic teenager attending Isobel Mair School (25% ERGC)

Jun 19 – Match funded Maxwell Mearns castle Christian Support Fund to provide flooring for a single mum with disability living in a very low income household with threadbare carpets (50%)

Jun 19 – Excellent quality second hand furniture from Barrhead G78 Helping Hands furniture recycling centre to help a mother and child set up new home after fleeing domestic violence (50%)

Jun 19 – Paid a phone bill to prevent a person losing their connection and link to the community alarm that they require after suffering a brain aneurism – had to give up work and apply for universal credit, meaning a time delay in money coming through (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jun 19 – Baby clothes & nursery tops for second child in a low income family – due to dad working - not entitled to grant from the state – deserving case to give a helping hand (50% ERGCauses)

Jun 19 – Trike to help a foster carer look after her child who has downs syndrome, autism and poor mobility, so gets fatigued easily. (25% ERGoodCauses)

Jun 19 – Playgroup fees for a 2 year old whose speech is underdeveloped for their age due to social isolation as a result of family circumstances – interaction with other kids will help develop speech and prevent the isolation for parent and child (50%)

Jun 19 – Provided money to a social worker to take her client out to buy toiletries and a trip to hairdressers – lady has learning difficulties and has been sectioned – part time job only pays minimum sick pay so client has no funds (50% ERGC)

Jun 19 – Donated powered wheelchair that could be collapsed and put in car for easy transport – going to a pensioner with severe arthritis and very poor mobility – estimated value of donated chair and power pack approx. £1000 (Nil as donated)

Jun 19 – Emergency short term gas/electric cards for single parent family where parent had been off sick from a low paid job, and was moved over to Universal Credit & had nothing to eat (100%)

Jun 19 – Match funded family contribution, and 80% grant from ER Council to provide a “wet floor bathing facility” for a mobility impaired primary school age child cerebral palsy(10% ERGC)

Jun 19 – A mobile phone that is totally voice activated for a registered blind pensioner as a result of macular degeneration – gives much greater confidence whilst out on own (50% ERGCauses)

May 19 – Part funded cooker/washing machine to help a father in full time work, set up a new home after spending prolonged time as homeless and forced into “couch surfing” after the breakdown of the marriage – not entitled to setting up home grant as working full time (60%ERGC)

May 19 – Match funded to enable a primary school age child with epilepsy, global developmental delay and autism, to attend a recreation break - some much needed respite for parents (50%)

May 19 – Ten bags of donated groceries/toiletries to Overlee house for distribution amongst the many people living in temporary homeless accommodation whilst waiting for own tenancy (0%)

May 19 – Microwave given to provide cooking facilities to set up new tenancy after spending time living in temporary homeless accommodation after marital breakdown and losing job (100%)

May 19 – Match fund the client for a new pair of glasses – client reliant on state benefits due to their Multiple Sclerosis – Client paid half using their Disability living allowance payment (50%)

May 19 – Donated pram for new born baby to a resettled family living in East Renfrewshire – living on very low income with little or no additional money to purchase a pram (0% ERGC)

May 19 – Match funded family for additional physiotherapy to maximise potential of disabled child – contribution from Maxwell Mearns castle Church Christian Support Fund (0% ERGC Causes)

May 19 – Bedroom carpets for children's bedrooms for single parent with 2 young children where one is on the Autistic spectrum and the other is due for assessment soon – (50% ERGC Causes)

May 19 – 3 bags groceries & toiletries for a previously homeless adult who is moving onto Universal credit resulting in 5 weeks with no income other than rent being paid by state (nil)

May 19 – Kids bedroom furniture and other household items for a family where child is being treated for “post-Traumatic Stress Disorder” – having to set up new tenancy/fresh start (50%)

May 19 – Contribution towards a low income family where one parent has a disability to enable a secondary school pupil to attend a school trip and not be excluded on financial grounds (36%)

May 19 – Household cleaning materials/equipment to improve home environment where two primary school age kids live but parents have mild learning difficulties (100% ERGC Causes)

May 19 – Two tankful of petrol for car – transport kids with special needs who are living with single parent mother in temporary homeless accommodation waiting to be rehoused in the area they attend school and have done for several years – new tenancy being upgraded by ERC (100%)

May 19 – Working with Woodfarm High School, we provided 4 bags of groceries/toiletries to a family experiencing crisis due to change in domestic circumstances (nil cost ERGC store)

May 19 – We provided a new cooker to help a woman set up new tenancy after fleeing domestic violence – she worked on a low wage so was not entitled to welfare grant to set up home (50%)

Apr 19 – Vinyl flooring for bathroom and kitchen to help a women set up her own tenancy after fleeing domestic violence – spent time in temporary accommodation as homeless (50% ERGC)

Apr 19 – A Ruby XL video magnifier to increase the independence for a pensioner unable to read basic things like cooking times. Temperatures etc. due to macular degeneration (50% ERGC)

Apr 19 – purchased 96 washing machine tablets and added to donated toiletries/groceries and delivered to the ERC Homeless support team operating out of Overlee house in Clarkston (100%)

Apr 19 – Washing machine to a single parent to enable them to return the one they had taken out on higher purchase at very high interest rate, but couldn't afford to maintain the payments (50%)

Apr 19 – Part fund with family, carpets to set up new tenancy, after spending time homeless – as one member works full time they don't get help from the state to help furnish/carpet (50% ERGC)

Apr 19 – Fourth public access defibrillator machine for Barrhead – located outside the Arc Res. Centre , Barrhead – in partnership with Levern Valley Defibrillator community partnership (28%)

Apr 19 – Various items of great quality second hand furniture from “Barrhead G78 Helping Hands” for a family on low income to try and raise the standard for them & kids – Funded in partnership with Netherlee Parish Church and 50% ERGoodCauses

Apr 19 – Removal costs - a hard working single mum with young child to relocate from a private let - another property as only needs one bus instead of 2 to get to work in new location (66%)

Apr 19 – New access pathway to enable a mobility impaired pensioner to leave/return home and prevent them being housebound – In partnership with East Renfrewshire Council, Care & Repair, the client and ERGoodCauses – all contributing to great solution to show we all care (15% ERGC)

Apr 18 – We match funded the family to enclose their garden and make it relatively “escape proof” to ensure the nonverbal autistic child with no sense of danger, could play safely (50% ERGC)

Apr 19 - Household cleaning materials/equipment to improve home environment where two primary school age kids live but parents have overcome addiction issues and are co-operating with intensive social work support to ensure family can stay together (100% ERGCauses)

Apr 19 – Donated 3 in 1 pram and a baby crib to help a mum of a new born – one of the resettled families from the Syrian Refugee Government programme who live in East Renfrewshire (0%)

Apr 19 – Two high backed vinyl chairs to make it easier for 2 registered blind pensioners to remain in their own home without losing their independence and moving to a care home (50% ERGC)

Apr 19 – Provided new bedding set pillows/sheets etc. to help an adult with Multiple Sclerosis to set up their tenancy in sheltered housing after spending last couple of years between hospital and a family members house – we also providing groceries/toiletries to help get settled (100%)

Apr 19 – Second hand furniture from the “Barrhead G78 Helping Hands” furniture recycling centre for an adult who has successfully overcome their addiction and is now rebuilding life (50%)

Apr 19 – Basic entry level vacuum cleaner for a single parent who has overcome previous addiction issues and has been engaging with frontline staff well to reintegrate into society (100%)

Apr 19 – Pillows, sheets etc. to help a woman set up own tenancy after fleeing domestic violence – the state provided major items and we topped up state provision – it’s how we raise the standard and show our neighbours that in East Renfrewshire, the community cares (100% ERGC)

Apr 19 – Ten large bags groceries/toiletries to Overlee House for distribution amongst the ER Homeless population, currently living in temporary accommodation waiting for tenancy (0%)

Apr 19 – Tumble dryer for a family of four on a low income - where one child is Autistic and constantly pulls clothes from radiators whilst drying – child is incontinent (50% ERGCauses)

Apr 19 – Orthopaedic bed to provide more support after an adult in their 30’s suffered left sided weakness as a result of a stroke at a very young age (100% ERGoodCauses)

Mar 19 – Third public access defibrillator machine for Barrhead – D Moodie & Co, Cross Arthurlie Street, Barrhead – in partnership with Levern Valley Defibrillator community partnership (28%)

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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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