

East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 5

Second 6 Months Yr 5 = Apr 2012 – Sep 2012

A big thanks, to all friends & supporters who helped us, help our neighbours across ER. Anyone wishing to join or help ERGoodCauses, can do so by contacting Russell via the web at the following www.ergoodcauses.co.uk or r.mac@talktalk.net or 0141 639 8230.

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East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses	Last 6 months Year 5 Apr 12 - End Sep 2012	Running Totals after 5 Years to Sep 2012
ERGC Grants Given Out	£ 21,766	£ 137,919 (100%)
Individual beneficiaries	118 people helped	765 people helped

ERGoodCauses where 100% of personal donations are spent directly on local good causes

Sep 12 – Provide a lightweight, portable oxygen concentrator to prevent mum - medically retired health visitor from being housebound - severe lung condition caught from a patient (15%ERGC)

Sep 12 – Provide a wet floor shower area for use by a pensioner with diabetes, Crohn's disease, prostate & bone cancer resulting in very poor mobility – unable to use existing bath (10% ERGC)

Sep 12 – Basic entry level washing machine & microwave for a homeless person - who does lots of volunteering as advocate for others - setting up tenancy after marital breakdown (100% ERGC)

Sep 12 – Provide a deep clean/insecticide treatment for a disabled pensioner's flat - after falling, the client was placed in emergency respite by East Renfrewshire Council (50% ERGoodCauses)

Sep 12 – Provide an Ipad for an autistic teenager – attends Isobel Mair School – uses it with interest in Claymation (films model figure) – gives focus & helps behaviour (75% ERGoodCauses)

Sep 12 – Provide the adaptation/ramp of a Motability car – allow parents to transport their 3.year old son, by specially designed buggy – required due to complex, multiple disabilities (100%ERGC)

Sep 12 – Basic household goods for a family of 3 children where the single parent mother, with significant mental health issues - resulting in the family living in squalor (10% ERGoodCauses)

Sep 12 – Basic washing machine for a grandparent – reliant on benefits – who has become the kinship carer for young teenager grandchild due to drug addiction of single parent (100%ERGC)

Sep 12 – Temporary transport for orphaned pupil to remain at same school after sudden death of parent, whilst longer term solution is found – grandparent/carer disabled & can't drive(50%ERGC)

Sep 12 – Materials to decorate a bedroom – 2 children under 10 – living in poverty due to previous heroin addiction of parent, who has successfully come off drugs & retraining for work(100%ERGC)

Sep 12 – Provide a wet floor shower area for use by a retired policeman who suffers from heart disease, severe osteoarthritis, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and poor mobility(18%ERGC)

Sep 12 – Provide the paint/materials for a team of volunteers from Scottish Water, to decorate the flat - early 50's adult – medically retired from work due to emphysema & arthritis (100%ERGC)

Sep 12 – Second hand basic furniture & crockery etc. for a homeless mid 60's pensioner having to set up home after living in hostel accommodation due to marital breakdown (50% ERGCauses)

Aug 12 – “Quick Reader” scanning machine that talks any printed words (newspaper/letter etc.) for an early 70's adult – gone blind through severe myopia & macular degeneration (50% ERGCauses)

Aug 12 – A basket swing in a domestic garden for an early teenage pupil (Isobel Mair) with Down's syndrome, autism, hypermobility, dislocating hips – his sibling has aspergers (33% ERGoodCaus)

Aug 12 – Replace dangerous, worn out - fridge with separate freezer unit sitting on top, for a mobility impaired/medically retired lecturer – living on benefits 10+ years after breakdown (100%)

Aug 12 – Children's bedroom carpet's & units - family with 2 remaining children - after death due to Cancer of an early teens sibling – mother had struggled with serious alcohol misuse (50%)

Aug 12 – Suit & smart clothes for interviews - a late 40's adult with a serious physical disability, & single parent, to try and secure additional work to try & prevent further mortgage arrears (100%)

Aug 12 – Carpet covering - family of four – mum has bi polar (Leverndale patient), dad served time in prison but now “clean” of drugs – 1 baby + 1 primary school age child – bare floorboards (50%)

Aug 12 – Install a bathroom radiator – to benefit a mid 30's full time wheelchair user with multiple sclerosis - who is unable to feed himself or other basic functions due to MS deterioration (100%)

Aug 12 – Provide basic entry carpet covering for a family consisting of parents (both under 19 years of age) living in a bare floorboards property with a 10 month old child (50% ERGoodCauses)

Aug 12 – A therapeutic adult garden swing to provide a sanctuary and calming mechanism to help the parents/siblings care at home for an aggressive/ non-verbal, autistic teen – Isobel Mair (100%)

Aug 12 – Small domestic safe - safe keeping of potentially harmful medication - in house to enable a long stay hospital patient (mental health) to be discharged safely into the community (100%)

Aug 12 – Second hand bedroom furniture from ReUselt for a single parent family with 3 children who live in an overcrowded 2 bedroom house and income is solely from benefits (100% ERGC)

Aug 12 – Ipad3 for an early 30's, registered blind – Retinitus Pigmentosa – specialist application allows beneficiary to do own online shopping, further education – after recent separation (80%)

Jul 12 – Provide a basic entry level electric cooker for a household, consisting of two adults & two children - income is solely from benefits and they have no working cooker (50% ERGC)

Jul 12 – Laptop - single parent mum - grocery shopping online – son with serious heart condition who requires a buggy – disabled son & shopping too heavy as son at primary school age (100%)

Jul 12 – Provide a mobility scooter for a late 30's, ex forces soldier – leg amputation – who lives with his wife and children - would be almost housebound without scooter assistance (20% ERGC)

Jul 12 – Provide lino for a children's bedroom where 3 (preschool kids) share one room in severely overcrowded rented house/flat with very dirty/stained old carpet (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 12 – Provide a replacement for a urine soaked/stained bed for a 5 year old child who lives at home with a single parent with depression & other mental health issues (50% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 12 – College course materials - to allow a young carer - who helps her single parent - look after a sibling who has a chronic medical condition resulting in multiple suicide attempts (100% ERGC)

Jul 12 – Reinstate a telephone line to facilitate the working of a community alarm – used by late 30's adult with a history of serious mental health issues including self harming (100% ERGC)

Jul 12 – Provide an IPAD2 for an under 10's child with Asperger's, Dyspraxia, resulting in difficulty with fine motor skills and communication – Ipad2 is also helpful in maximizing education (75%)

Jul 12 – Provide a double buggy – specially strengthened for use by a 1 year old & an 8 year old autistic/disabled pupil at Isobel Mair – whilst mum recovers from treatment for breast cancer (50%)

Jul 12 – Help a sibling who cares for his alcoholic brother (both pensioners living separately) to provide & replace a dangerous cooker & fridge along with a deep clean (45% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 12 – Adult strength garden swing for teenager - very challenging behaviour due to autism and learning difficulty (Isobel Mair School) - help his mum care for him whilst father out working (100%)

Jul 12 – Pedal bicycle – Barrhead Resource Centre supported employment project reconditioning bikes – for use by an autistic teenager – rehomed due to single parent's alcohol misuse (100%)

Jul 12 – Apple mac computer for a young teenager with physical disability & aspergers syndrome – extremely gifted & creative, hence applemac – socially isolated due to autism (50%ERGCauses)

Jul 12 – Replace a broken television for a pensioner in their 90's who relies on tv as the main pleasure in life - living on a low fixed income - can't afford to replace the broken one (50% ERGC)

Jul 12 – A car hoist for a late 40's adult with advanced multiple sclerosis allowing safe/comfortable transport by his wife who is the main carer & sole wage earner to family home (29% ERGCauses)

Jun 12 – Garden swing for an 18 year old with Down's syndrome & severe learning difficulties, to give some exercise/recreation & help the single parent/carer cope at home (100% ERGoodCause)

Jun 12 – A specialised child car seat for use by a 2 year old with complex/multiple health issues including cerebral palsy, blind, cleft pallet etc & a very limited life expectancy (100% ERGCauses)

Jun 12 – Provide washing machine for use by a family with a new baby, a pre 5 youngster living in a house where both parents currently unemployed but seeking work (50% ERGoodCauses)

Jun 12 – Provide the paint & materials for a team of volunteers from Barclays Bank - decorate the flat of an adult living independently despite mild learning difficulty & mental health issues (100%)

Jun 12 – 150 Free tickets given to elderly,carers,disabled,volunteers to go to the Eastwood Rotary Variety Concert at Eastwood Theatre on Sat 16th June 2012 (listed +7 beneficiar in table above)

May 12 – Transport to facilitate a late 30's adult - learning difficulty - to go on a short work volunteer placement in the hope of the opportunity leading to employment (50% ERGCause)

May 12 – Provide some therapeutic recreation to try & help a late teen/young adult, recover from a traumatic family event, in an attempt to prevent a downward spiral due to circumstances (50%)

May 12 – Provide a “deep clean” & replacing limited household furniture to facilitate the hospital discharge of a recovering alcoholic pensioner after emergency respite admission (50% ERGC)

May 12 – A specially designed “cosy toes“ for a purpose built children’s push chair with added strength to support the malformed back of a 2 year old with a life limiting complex disability (100%)

May 12 – An Ipad2 to enable a non verbal 12 year old with autism/severe learning difficulties to communicate whilst both at home and out and about in the community (75% ERGoodCauses)

May 12 – Bedroom furniture/carpet for a young teenager – living with single parent mother who is a recovering alcoholic - getting support from the ERC social work department (50% ERGCauses)

May 12 – Ipad2 & specialist software to enable communication for an 18 year old – understands everything said but is a non verbal, full time wheelchair user - cerebral palsy (50% ERGoodCaus)

May 12 – Materials to facilitate aids & adaptations to be carried out in the owners own family home – dad, 2 school kids, mum in mid 40’s with multiple sclerosis (40% EastRenfrewshireGCauses)

May 12 – Provide transport to allow a pre 10 year old, full time wheelchair user – cerebral palsy – to attend the same recreation events as his brother whilst at MACs after school care (66%)

May 12 – Basic entry level electric cooker & fridge to help a homeless mid 40’s adult - recovering from addiction issues - to set up home & gain employment after returning from overseas (100%)

May 12 – Provide a CCTV recording system to “Crookfur Cottage Homes” - in an attempt to provide a deterrent against anti social behaviour, resulting in the elderly lady living in fear (100%)

May 12 – Provided an almost new, donated mobility scooter - £2000 when bought - to a cycling club for adults with learning difficulties/disabilities based in East Renfrewshire (zero cost to ERGC)

May 12 – Basic entry level cooker to help a late teen’s autistic individual set up home within a 24/7 supported living environment after the breakdown in single parent support due to ill health (100%)

May 12 – Provide a pedal cycle for use by a late 20’s adult - ex armed forces –to try and maintain good physical health whilst recovering from trauma related mental health issues (100% ERGC)

May 12 – Provide a recreation activity to try and get a teenager with aspergers syndrome to develop activities out with the house and prevent total social isolation due to the disability (50%)

May 12 - Ipad2 for young pupil of Isobel Mair School who suffers from “Turner’s Syndrome” along with hip dysplasia & developmental delays resulting in very little verbal speech (75%ERGC)

May 12 – Laptop for a mid teens Isobel Mair School pupil who suffers from severe language and communication impairment along with psychosis – also has a sibling with disability (100% ERGC)

Apr 12 – Children’s bedroom carpet (previously bare floor boards) for two under 10’s living with single parent who suffers from serious depression/anxiety after marital breakdown (50% ERGC)

Apr 12 – Computer for a young carer who is going to university despite the effort put in at home in helping both her sibling and parents who all have different chronic health problems (100% ERGC)

Apr 12 – Transport a family to take a 5 year old, registered blind, severe developmental delay Isobel Mair pupil, to attend assessment centre called ”Brainwaves” to maximise life chances (45%)

Apr 12 – Provide the lowering of a shower tray/cubicle - down to a level access – help allow a late 80’s widow to remain independent within her long term marital home (25% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 12 – A wheelchair power pack for use by a mid 80's stroke victim, who is too heavy for his early 80's wife to push the chair - thus preventing the couple becoming housebound (71% ERGC)

Apr 12 – Dog gate to prevent accidental damage by a large dog after the wife of a mid 60's couple underwent major surgery and required protection from an excitable dog (100% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 12 – Provide a computer to help a young carer – who is going to university whilst continuing in her role as a carer for her severely disabled sibling who attends Isobel Mair School (nil % ERGC)

Apr 12 – A toddler bed for use by a 2 year old - resides with the parents, where one is recovering from serious substance misuse and the other suffers mental health issues (50% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 12 – Household goods to help an early 20's – autism, adht, epilepsy, severe learning difficulty, set up home within a 24/7 supported living property within the community (20% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 12 – IPod/docking station for 11 year old young carer - has an audition for scholarship at Royal Ballet – dance is her respite - very difficult home situation due to siblings care needs (100%)

HOW YOU CAN HELP - Please come & join us by donating from £5 per month

We managed to give £43,009 of " goods & services " in year 5 to Sep 12, but we had additional requests for approximately £60,000 this year. If you can pass this round and encourage other people/businesses/groups/trusts etc. to join us, we can raise our local standard even more. Any help with this is very much appreciated – Many Thanks – Russell Macmillan - 28/9/12 (100% of donations are spent directly on good causes)

First 5 years of ERGoodCauses

Year to = Yr	First 6 months	Second 6 months	Total for Year	Running Total £'s	Individuals Helped
Sep 08 = 1			10,722	£ 10,722	61 = 61
Sep 09 = 2			20,714	£ 31,436	69 = 130
Sep 10 = 3			31,390	£ 62,826	164 = 294
Sep 11 = 4	13,756 -104	18,328 – 88	32,084	£ 94,910	192 = 486
Sep 12 = 5	21243 - 161	21766 - 118	43,009	£ 137,919	279 = 765

Note – ERGoodCauses set up thanks to a life-saving, diabetes curing, double transplant (pancreas/kidney) in Jan 2007 at a cost to the NHS of £70,000. Those two donated organs have gone on to help 765 individual people so far, and repaid the cost of the operation.