

# East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 6

## First 6 Months Yr 6 Oct 12 – Mar 2013

**A thanks, to all friends/supporters who helped us, help our neighbours. Anyone wishing to join or help ERGoodCauses, can do so by contacting Russell via the web at the following [www.ergoodcauses.co.uk](http://www.ergoodcauses.co.uk) or [info@ergoodcauses.co.uk](mailto:info@ergoodcauses.co.uk) or 0141 639 8230.**

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East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses	First 6 months Year 6 Oct 12 - End Mar 2013	Running Totals after 5.5 Years Mar 2013
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 15,368	£ 153,287 (100%)
Individual beneficiaries	122 people helped	887 people helped

### **ERGoodCauses where 100% of personal donations - spent directly on “goods & services”**

Mar 13 – Make garden level/safe, securely fencing it, – 4 children under ten - 2 are autistic, and 1 has Asperger’s – dad works, mum ex-nurse, had to give up to care for special needs kids (20%)

Mar 13 – Carpet for tenancy where a 1 year old is crawling on bare floor boards – young mother is pregnant with second child – father has ADHT but is engaging with a work programme (50%)

Mar 13 – After a burglary we replaced a television with built in DVD for a recently separated single parent of a pre-school autistic child living in private rented house - Eastwood area - (100%ERGC)

Mar 13 – Provide a basic entry level electric cooker for a single parent of a two year old with food allergies reliant on benefit, with only a microwave to heat food (42% ERenfrewshireGoodCauses)

Mar 13 – Provide a deep clean, bed, cooker for an elderly widower – poor mobility after hip op.& unable to clean home - small works pension prevents any benefit entitlement (50% ERGoodCaus)

Mar 13 – Ipad2 for a 7 year old - with Cerebral Palsy, problems with fine motor skills associated learning difficulties, weakness down one side - attends Isobel Mair School (75% ERGoodCauses)

Mar 13 – “deep clean” & replace bed/carpet – early 80’s pensioner worked all their life – living in sheltered housing - into emergency respite due to inability to clean house due to disability (40%)

Feb 13 – Cereal, bread etc. for a pre-school breakfast club - staffed by volunteer teachers using their own time – primary school in the Eastwood side of ER – used by vulnerable children (100%)

Feb 13 – Second hand sofa bed/fridge from ReUselt for a bedsit – late 30’s adult on job seekers allowance – made homeless from furnished private let due to landlord financial difficulties (100%)

Feb 13 – Basic second hand goods - ReUselt – help an early 50’s adult set up own tenancy after becoming homeless due to marital breakdown – has done lots of voluntary work in ER community

Feb 13 – Second hand bed & wardrobe – ReUselt – mid 30’s adult - homeless due to gambling addiction – landlord provided completely empty flat with bare floorboards & no furnishings (100%)

Feb 13 – Basic fridge/freezer (new tenancy) for early 60’s adult – in Overlee House homeless – relationship breakdown - worked most of life, but currently unemployed after redundancy (100%)

Feb 13 – Microwave and plumbing work for an ex carer in early 70's, diabetic, stroke, poor hearing medically retired 20+ years ago – has no cooking facility or hot water due to poverty (100%ERGC)

Feb 13 – Change the locks to try & prevent further theft by an ex-partner after domestic violence whilst the Police trace and arrest him – giving some reassurance to mother & young kids (100%)

Feb 13 – Basic household goods to help a separated father set up new tenancy with teenage son after marital breakdown – dad temporarily unemployed due to accidental injury (50% ERGCauses)

Feb 13 – Bedroom furniture, curtains etc. for new born baby – both parents have successfully conquered their drug addiction and have been “staying clean” to look after the baby (100%ERGC)

Feb 13 – Cooker (new tenancy) for early 30's adult – in Overlee House homeless accommodation – relationship breakdown – doing a work placement to try and gain paid employment (100%)

Feb 13 – Fridge/freezer replace broken down second hand one - wife set up own tenancy after fleeing domestic abuse by alcoholic husband – she has panic wrist alarm issued by Police (85%)

Feb 13 – Suit, shoes etc. for a young adult - who became head of the family - to wear to the funeral of his single parent , who died after many years of battling addiction issues (100%ERGC)

Feb 13 – Replace fridge for a long term unemployed late 40's adult – mental health and addiction issues - having to sell previously owned property moving to rent instead due to difficulties (100%)

Jan 13 – Voice controlled phone – for use by a blind (through diabetes) late 50's adult who can no longer see the large buttons on a phone designed for use by the visually impaired (80% ERGC)

Jan 13 – Washing machine for grandmother - forced to become legal guardian/kinship carer for 2 pre-school kids – both parents of kids have no contact - incapable due to heroin addiction (100%)

Jan 13 – Provide a washing machine to help a mid 40's adult with learning difficulties and mental health issues – set up home in community after years of living in a hospital setting (100% ERGC)

Jan 13 - Second hand bed & sofa (new tenancy) purchased/delivered by “ReUselt” for early 60's adult – lived in furnished temporary homeless accommodation – marital breakdown (100% ERGC)

Jan 13 – Bio medical laminate in bedroom – replace badly stained carpet due to incontinence of 4 year old with Autism and severe allergy to toxins within normal cleaning products (60% ERGCauses)

Jan 13 - Second hand bed/sofa (new tenancy) purchased/delivered by “ReUselt” mid 30's single dad with custody of young child - temporary homeless accommodation – relationship breakdown

Jan 13 – A fridge - new tenancy for a young adult with mild learning difficulty – been living in temp homeless accommodation for 3+ years after breakdown of maternal relationship (100%ERGC)

Jan 13 – Lightweight, folding wheelchair for early 20's adult – who required a gastric pacemaker fitted due to medical condition – unable to walk and prone to fainting (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jan 13 – A laptop for schoolwork for a teenager – father died some years ago, leaving a wife on widow's state pension/benefits to bring up child from primary school age (100% ERGCauses)

Jan 13 – Provide wet floor shower adaptation – for early 50's, medically retired through chronic degenerative neurological condition – requires wheelchair full time (10%ERenfrewshGoodCauses)

Jan 13 - Second hand bed & sofa (new tenancy) purchased/delivered by "ReUselt" for mid 40's adult – lived in Overlee House temporary homeless accommodation – marital breakdown (100%)

Jan 13 – Materials to allow "Neilston Community Repair – NCR" to repair a loose & leaking toilet after "rogue builders" left – elderly person with poor mobility and dementia (100% ERGoodCause)

Dec 12 – Provide an Ipad2 for an 8 year old who attends Isobel Mair School - Downs's syndrome, causing learning difficulties along with problems regarding fine & gross motor skills (70% ERGC)

Dec 12 – Provide school trip for a primary school child try and prevent social exclusion, bullying & encouragement – lives with single parent whose income reliant solely on benefits (40% ERGC)

Dec 12 – Provide a school trip for a teenager who has had to move in with an aunt in a different part of the country, as the teenagers single parent relapsed into heroin addiction (50%ERGC)

Dec 12 – Provide materials to redecorate a house after persistent dampness spoiled décor in the children's bedroom – father works full time on low wage – to support wife & 3 children (50%)

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Dec 12 – Second hand bed & sofa (new tenancy) purchased/delivered by "ReUselt" for early 20's adult – lived temporarily- Overlee House due to being homeless family breakdown (100% ERGC)

Dec 12 – Second hand bed & sofa (new tenancy) purchased/delivered by "ReUselt" for early 30's adult – lived temporarily in Overlee House due to being homeless after redundancy (100% ERGC)

Dec 12 – Provide "puppet show" at Woodfarm High School – for group called the E.Ren Warriors – kids aged 3 – 15 yrs with special needs & carers/families – 60+ attended (50% ERGCauses)

Dec 12 – Provide second hand furniture to help furnish a bedroom for a 4 year old – family living is financial hardship, due to neither parent working and now mother expecting another child (37%)

Dec 12 – Provide bedroom furniture for a young teenager living with 3 elder siblings where family are reliant on state benefit and single parent struggles financially to provide the basics (50%)

Dec 12 – Provide the furnishing of a tenancy for a mid-20's adult – severe learning difficulty and on the autistic spectrum – after fleeing the family home after domestic violence incident (20%)

Dec 12 – Help provide for a mum & dad to take their 9 year old - at Isobel Mair School – suffers from Angel man's syndrome - to England for a specialist assessment at "Brainwave" (25%ERGC)

Dec 12 – Replace broken down fridge - family where two parents are unemployed and a 7 year old child with Schizencephily Cerebral Palsy – will become full time wheelchair user (100% ERGC)

Dec 12 – Provide new bedroom carpet, bed, décor - two children (under 10 years) after the death of a family member within the room – encourage kids to go back in & prevent overcrowding (50%)

Dec 12 – Provide an Ipad2 for a primary school age child with autism, communication difficulties fine motor skills and with social understanding – full time at Carlibar Communication Centre (75%)

Dec 12 – Provide floorcoverings and help furnish a new tenancy for a young mother with little or no family network type support – trying to prevent baby having to go into care (50% ERGCauses)

Nov 12 – Second hand bed & sofa – from ReUselt – early 40's adult - become homeless after returning from Portugal – had been there as a carer for his terminally ill father (100% ERGCauses)

Nov 12 – Provide a basic fridge/freezer for a single parent with depression/anxiety who works 2 separate jobs to try and make ends meet – without a fridge for more than 3 months (50% ERGC)

Nov 12 – Provide additional kid's clothes & shoes – 3 kids under ten – single parent dad had to give up his job to look after kids, after the mother abandoned kids due to drug addiction (50%)

Nov 12 – Provide a maintenance/repair – late 50's adult, living alone – receives disability living allowance for long term depression, severe anxiety and existing on state benefits (50% ERGC)

Nov 12 – Provide training to help a young adult with Schizophrenia have a better chance of securing a paid job, after a great improvement in his disability due to new medication (50%ERGC)

Nov 12 – Initial stock of basic hygiene/toiletries - to be managed/allocated by East Renfrewshire Council frontline homeless team based in Overlee House in Clarkston & Connor Road (100%)

Nov 12 – Second hand single bed & sofa from “ReUselt” - help a late 30's adult set up home in council flat after spending time in temporary homeless accommodation - after marital split (100%)

Nov 12 – Provide an Ipad – 7 years – autistic with severe learning difficulties, attends Isobel Mair Special Needs School – will help in communicating as limited verbal skill (60% ERGoodCauses)

Nov 12 – Provide sensory equipment at home – age under 12 – Asperger's, ADHT, Tourette's – attends Isobel Mair School – help parents to care with the complex disabilities (20% ERGCauses)

Nov 12 – Provide incontinence products for use by a school age child who experiences nocturnal enuresis – family breakdown where single parent has mental health issues (100% ERGoodCaus)

Nov 12 – An Ipad2 for an 8 year old child with Asperger's syndrome, communication & fine motor skills difficulties – will help in maximising educational & social skills potential (75% ERGoodC)

Nov 12 – Reconnected a phone line to allow a community alarm to work – used by a full time wheelchair user, medically retired policeman – recent stroke/financial difficulties (100% ERGC)

Nov 12 – Support with house move for a mother with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis – unable to pack due to severe disability – house sale due to financial difficulties (100% ERGC)

Oct 12 – Basic entry level electric cooker for a single parent with one child – socially isolated & living on benefits – unable to replace the condemned cooker (100% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 12 – Basic electric cooker & fridge – set up an independent house where a 24/7 care package is provided by ER Council – teenage Asperger's, communication difficulties (25% ERGCauses)

Oct 12 – A basic entry level electric cooker for an early 60's adult – suffers from agoraphobia, depression, living in poverty and without cooking facilities for more than 3 months (100%ERGC)

Oct 12 – Storage Shed for NielstonCommunity Repair “NCR” – a group of volunteers doing great work to help individuals remain independent in their own homes – disabled etc. (100%ERGC)

Oct 12 – Computer to facilitate an early 20's student & Carer – mother paralysed and sibling has schizophrenia - to complete a “Masters of Science “through the Open University (50% ERGC)

Oct 12 – Two child stair gates – single parent with multiple health conditions & a disability that results in slow mobility/reaction times – reliant on income support (100% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 12 – Table & chairs - single parent and two children – one with learning and co-ordination – difficulties - who had to set up a new home after fleeing domestic violence (50% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 12 – Provide a low cost, overnight bus ticket for a mid 30's homeless person in the Eastwood area to attend a 3 month residential rehab unit (gambling & addiction) in London (80% ERGC)

Oct 12 – Installation of Adult strength, garden swing for use by non-verbal autistic teenager - give parent some respite - help maintain care at home, despite very challenging behaviour (100%)

Oct 12 – Household essentials to bring the impoverished condition of the flat to minimum level – occupied by 11 year old young carer living with single parent with chronic mental health (25%)

**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. If you can pass this round and encourage other trusts/people/businesses/groups etc. to join us, we can raise the standard even more. Any help with this is very much appreciated.**

**Many Thanks – Russell Macmillan – 28/3/2013**

### **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

ERGoodCauses was founded by a registered blind man Russell Macmillan, and some friends, to say thanks for his second gift of life, after he received a double transplant in 2007 (pancreas/kidney) and to honour the memory of the organ donor. Every neighbour we help, is done so, to say thanks for a life-saving, diabetes curing, operation - at a cost to the NHS of £70,000. Those two donated organs have now gone on to help 887 individual people so far, by giving out a total of £153,287 worth of “goods & services”, and more than repaid the cost of the operation.