

East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 6

Second 6 Months Yr 6 Apr to Sep 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 or info@ergoodcauses.co.uk or 0141 639 8230.

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East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses	First 6 months Year 6 Apr 13 - to Sep 2013	Running Totals after 6 Years to Sep 2013
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 16,990	£ 170,277
Individual beneficiaries	117 people helped	1005 people helped

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

Sep 13 – A basic carpet for the bedroom where a 2 year old and a 5 year old share – been living with bare floorboards for some time – very volatile family home environment (75% ERGdCauses)

Sep 13 – Remove bath & install a Wet floor shower area for a mid-60's lady with COPD - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease & Rheumatoid Arthritis that greatly restricts mobility (10%ERGC)

Sep 13 – Ipad & detachable keyboard for a primary school pupil with Asperger's Dorsal Stream Disorder causing co-ordination problems – touch screen is excellent solution (75% ERGCauses)

Sep 13 – Laptop to start a college course for a 16 year old young carer - looks after the single parent with a head injury, by taking to hospital clinics, domestic tasks, household money (100%)

Sep 13 – An enlarged, bright yellow on black, tactile, desktop keyboard for an 8 year old pupil at Isobel Mair School who has learning & communication difficulties, is registered blind (100%ERGC)

Aug 13 – Replacement cooker for a pensioner living in poverty - without any cooking facilities after the oven door had fallen off – widower reliant on benefits alone (50% ERGoodCauses)

Aug 13 – Outdoor clothing to enable a primary school child to go on a school trip – single parent has saved up the cost of the trip from benefit income – no help from absent parent (100% ERGC)

Aug 13 – Ipad for a mid-50's adult who is unable to talk after a stroke in their late-30's – can now communicate by touching pictures that the machine verbalises into sound – (75% ERGCauses)

Aug 13 – Electric power cards for a single parent - who works part time as a cleaner, after the household benefits were reduced after an unexpected change of circumstances (100% ERGC)

Aug 13 – Provide specialised running shoes and clothing for a teenage pupil at Isobel Mair School who has learning difficulties & a speech impairment - to join running club (100% ERGoodCauses)

Aug 13 – A Braille machine to own for a blind primary 1 pupil at Isobel-Mair School - allow pupil to use, communicate and practice at home – being taught braille at school – (38% ERGoodCauses)

Aug 13 – Recreational trip for a primary school age child who was thrown out by the single parent mother, and had to move residence with the father & step mum at very short notice (50% ERGC)

Aug 13 – Transport to enable a child to visit & stay with the separated parent – child had to move & live with the other parent, due to previous mental breakdown of the main carer (100%ERGC)

Aug 13 – A Braille machine to own for a blind primary 3 pupil at Isobel-Mair School - allow pupil to use, communicate and practice at home – being taught braille at school – (38% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 13 – Provide a lightweight folding ramp to enable an full time wheelchair user in her early 50's - with multiple sclerosis – to access the back garden/paved/decked area of the family home (50%)

Jul 13 – Basic carpet to cover bare floorboards – single parent with 3 kids – both mum & I of the children suffer agoraphobia & other mental health issues requiring on-going medication (50%)

Jul 13 – Washing machine for a family with 4 kids under 12 years where the dad (also step dad) is on a government training scheme to enhance his employment prospects (50% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 13 – Provided free tickets to the Eastwood Rotary Variety Concert in July 13 at Eastwood Theatre to individuals including pensioners, disabled, carers, volunteers (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 13 – Washing machine for a family with one young child – father has successfully conquered his previous drug addiction & the mother is getting there using a methadone programme (50%)

Jul 13 - Ipad and specialist software programme – late teens adult with Downs Syndrome, with no speech to communicate – pupil at Isobel Mair School - uses Makaton sign language (50%)

Jul 13 – Provide non slip lino & replace a broken television for a mid-90's, ex prisoner of WW2 who lives in a rented flat in Eastwood – no surviving family after death of his son (50% ERGC)

Jul 13 – Paint & brushes to enable a mid-30's, ex-offender to undertake some voluntary décor work in the hope of gaining employment by demonstrating their ability & attitude (100% ERGC)

Jul 13 – Replace a broken fridge for a late 40's adult with Asperger's syndrome, diabetes with related complications (feet), after undergoing surgery – lives alone but socially isolated (75%)

Jun 13 – Wheelchair power pack to enable the wife, of her mid-60's husband with a diagnosis of Parkinson's 7 years previously - now has dementia, to take him out in the community (50% ERGC)

Jun 13 – Washing machine for family consisting of 3 children & two parents, where both the father & mother are engaging & responding well to a substance addiction reduction programme (50%)

Jun 13 – Specialised chair providing safe support for an early 20's adult with multiple disabilities - autism, epilepsy, hydrocephalus, self-harming - use within Barrhead resource centre (33%ERGC)

Jun 13 – Bunk beds to give 2 young children a bed of their own & establish routine - they have been sleeping in one bed along with the single parent, after a marital breakdown (50% ERGC)

Jun 13 – Materials for a joiner to (work voluntary) build a raised type bed & create a “study space” beneath, plus wardrobe, for a young Carer's bedroom, which looks after disabled mother (100%)

Jun 13 – Provide activities for 2 days per week to help give respite for grandparents who care for a hyperactive child they are having to look after due to the illness of the parent (50%ERGCauses)

Jun 13 – Replace urine soaked/stained bedroom carpet with vinyl – one of the two children using the bedroom, has incontinence issues, due to both a learning & physical difficulty (50% ERGC)

Jun 13 – Basic washing machine for a single mum, recently made redundant, who is reliant on state benefits, has 3 children in full time education and helps her mother with Cancer (50%ERGC)

Jun 13 – Assorted goods for the Glen Family Centre to support the staff's great idea – The Glen is a pre-school, nursery type centre - from birth to 5 years, who have significant special needs (33%)

Jun 13 – Bed, wardrobe and bedding for an 8 year old who had to relocate to the fathers, step mum and half-brothers house after being thrown out by the single parent mother (50% ERGC)

Jun 13 – A reclining chair for use by a mid 50's adult, who has recently had to be medically retired due to chronic pain & mobility issues caused by a complex medical syndrome (100% ERGoodC)

Jun 13 – Bedroom carpet for a 6 month old child, who is currently sleeping in a bedroom with bare floor boards – unhealthy through dust/difficult to heat – parents on benefits (50% ERGoodCause)

Jun 13 – Bunk beds to enable an aunt to become the full time Carer for a teenager who had to flee their own parents house due to domestic violence, alcoholism, safety concerns (50% ERGCauses)

May 13 – A bed and a basic cooker to help a parent & young teenager set up their own tenancy after fleeing domestic abuse -,caused mainly through severe alcohol addiction (100%ERGCauses)

May 13 – Provide a baby's "high chair" to a couple who have remained free of substance misuse since the birth of their child – parents are engaging with services to turn their lives around (50%)

May 13 – Oven with side opening door & hob to help a late 20's adult, full time wheelchair user with Spine Bifida to set up home independently, after becoming homeless (100%ERGoodCauses)

May 13 – Provide a single bed with waterproof coverings to facilitate hospital discharge - for use by a late 60's stroke victim who was the main carer for her bedbound disabled husband (100%)

May 13 – Provide bunk beds with mattresses for two kids under ten years. one has ADHD – both live with single parent who suffers from depression after fleeing an abusive relationship (50%)

May 13 – Removed a leaking chimney head & tiled over the gap in the roof – to help a mid-90's pensioner/widow to remain active whilst living independently within her own home (21%ERGC)

May 13 – Bedroom carpet to help a working single parent with child, set up a new home - became homeless - private landlord they had been renting from – mortgage arrears, not the tenants fault

May 13 – Fridge to help a late 20's adult set up her own tenancy – after release from hospital due to a serious assault, she became homeless - relationship breakdown (100% ERGoodCauses)

May 13 – A basic entry level electric cooker for a single parent mum in the Eastwood area, who has no cooking facilities other than an erratic single ring on a condemned/fire hazard one (100%)

May 13 – Continence products to help an early 70's pensioner who herself is recovering from breast cancer, care for her husband who has peripheral neuropathy and dementia (100% ERGC)

May 13 – Television for a single parent with 3 kids - worked as a nurse, prior to being put on the transplant list for a pancreas/kidney, currently requiring dialysis 3 times a week (100%ERGoodC)

May 13 – Ipad & specialist software programme to enable communication for a mid-teens pupil at Isobel Mair School – has profound learning & communication difficulties (75% ERGoodCauses)

May 13 – Cut back some dangerous overhanging tree branches for a late 80's pensioner who lives alone – owns own house but struggles to maintain the small property (50% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 13 – Kids bedroom carpet, furniture, paint to help a young family with a new born baby, set up own tenancy - current location severely overcrowded – dad works on minimum wage (50%ERGC)

Apr 13 – Second hand bed & sofa from ReUselt for a mid 30's adult who is positively engaging with the substance misuse team – currently sleeping on a sheet on bare floor boards (50% ERGC)

Apr 13 – Fridge/freezer to help a homeless separated mum & two young kids, set up new tenancy after marital breakdown – large debts due to ex-husbands gambling addiction (100%ERGCauses)

Apr 13 – Carpet to allow homeless, early 70's pensioner, to move from ER council's temporary flat into a house within a sheltered housing complex – had no carpet & bare floor boards (50% ERGC)

Apr 13 – Provide a school trip for two primary school age kids who had to be taken into foster care despite attempts by social work & others to improve the home environment (50% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 13 – Single to replace double bed and make space for specialised NHS single bed for early 90's husband to provide end of life care at home for terminally ill wife dying from Cancer. (100%)

Apr 13 – Ipad2 for an 11 year old pupil with Down's syndrome who lives with her single parent - she attends the Isobel Mair School – specialises in education for pupils with special needs (85%)

Apr 13 – Install a “wet floor shower” area for use by a mid-40's couple with a teenage child, where mum is wheelchair dependant (Multiple Sclerosis) & dad also has severe disability (10% ERGC)

Apr 13 – Basic carpet for living room for a mid-40's adult – seeking employment – had to move to one bedroom flat with bare floorboards throughout, due to recent benefit changes (100%ERGC)

Apr 13 – Cooker & children's bedroom carpets for bare floorboards - for a single mum, with two kids (under 10) who are setting up new tenancy after fleeing from domestic violence (60% ERGC)

Apr 13 – Basic electric cooker for a single mum (late 30's) & 3 kids under 12 – set up new tenancy as previous landlord had to sell property due to mortgage arrears – not fault of tenant (100%)

Apr 13 – Deep clean flat for early 50's housebound, mobility impaired, part time wheelchair user, with depression, social isolation and some alcohol dependency issues (70% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 13 – Laptop for use by a full time Carer (40's) – whose father in law has dementia, husband just undergone triple heart bypass, son has schizophrenia – all living in same house (75% ERGC)

Apr 13 – Course of lessons in a recreation art class for a young adult (21) with mild learning difficulties - becoming socially isolated living independently with support in the community (100%)

Apr 13 – Trampoline for use at home by a 12 year old with Aspergers syndrome – vulnerable and can't play unsupervised leading to being socially isolated – lives with single parent mum (33%)

Apr 13 – Furnish/décor for the bedroom of new tenancy – currently bare floorboards & dirty walls - for a 7 year old who lives with a disabled single parent with mobility and depression issues (50%)

Apr 13 – Provide accessible transport to allow a six year old, full time wheelchair user with cerebral palsy, to go with others on recreation trips from MAC'S after school club (66%ERGC)

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 6 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	21,243 -161	21,766 - 118	43,009	£ 137,919	279 = 765
Sep 13 = 6	15,368 -123	16,990 -117	32,358	£ 170,277	240 = 1005

Following his Christian beliefs, ERGoodCauses was founded by a registered blind man Russell Macmillan, and some trusted friends, to say thanks for his second gift of life, after he received a double transplant in 2007 (pancreas/kidney), which cured both his insulin dependent Diabetes (after 34 years of daily injections) along with curing his kidney failure brought on due to long term diabetic complications.

The aim of ERGoodCauses was to use the donated organs to “Love our Neighbours” within East Renfrewshire 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 1005 individual people so far, by giving out a total of £170,277 worth of “goods & services”, and more than repaid the cost of the operation.

Please join our growing band of standing order supporters who pay from £5+ per month, which allows us to raise the local standard and allows neighbour to help neighbour in our local East Renfrewshire community – please contact Russell to arrange – contact details on first page or email info@ergoodcauses.co.uk