

East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 7

First 6 Months Yr 7 Oct 13 – Mar 2014

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 7 Oct 13 - End Mar 2014	Running Totals after 6.5 Years Mar 2014
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 11,649	£ 181,926
Individual beneficiaries	80 people helped	1085 people helped

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

Mar 14 – Materials for a team of volunteers from Neilston Community Repair NCR – to redecorate a disabled adult's flat - , after additional insulation added to reduce fuel poverty (50% ERGCauses)

Mar 14 – Ipad for a primary school age child with Down’s syndrome to encourage learning through the many different educational programmes that are suitable and enhance life skills (50%ERGC)

Mar 14 – Second hand fridge freezer with a 1 year warranty for a hard working family with 3 kids who are living in poverty – 1 child autistic - attends Isobel Mair special needs school (50%ERGC)

Mar 14 – Relocating costs to help the “Neilston & Uplawmoor First Responders” volunteer group run by the Scottish Ambulance Service - establish permanent base to operate from (100%ERGC)

Mar 14 – Combining with Police & ERC education department to provide 50 hoodies with a logo to help encourage group of youngsters to continue their fantastic local community work (36%ERGC)

Mar 14 – Desktop computer for a single parent with no surviving parents and no support from ex-partner – looks after two young kids, one with autism & learning difficulties (100%ERGoodCauses)

Mar 14 – Materials for a team of volunteers from Neilston Community Repair NCR – to redecorate a pensioners flat - asthma & arthritis, after additional insulation added to reduce fuel poverty (27%)

Mar 14 – A bed to help a young adult with no addiction issues to set up own home – escaping the home environment where parent’s drug addiction & domestic violence are intolerable (100%)

Mar 14 – Ipad & software to enable a non-verbal, pre-school child to communicate and learn – suffers from a rare genetic disorder which causes tumours, epilepsy, learning difficulties (50%)

Mar 14 – Basic washing machine for a lone parent and a three year old child, living in poverty and reliant on state benefits – existing machine broken and no financial way to replace (50% ERGC)

Mar 14 – School uniform and suitable clothing to help a child, living with a single parent who has recovered from alcoholism and is engaging with frontline staff to help themselves and child (50%)

Feb 14 – A basic electric cooker to replace the non-repairable existing one - for a separated single mum, reliant on benefits - with depression and 3 kids under school age (50% ERGoodCauses)

Feb 14 – Private ambulance to relocate a bed bound pensioner with multiple sclerosis from their long term tenancy to a new property as the landlord had to sell the privately owned flat (50%)

Feb 14 – Provide “hired van” to enable the move of a disabled, recently widowed, epileptic mother living alone, from the home she shared with late husband - to sheltered housing complex (100%)

Feb 14 – Ipad and keyboard for a young teenager with Achromatopsia, visual impairment where both poor near & distance vision – Ipad allows to take photo & enlarge school class board (75%)

Feb 14 – basic washing machine for a separated single mum with two children under 8 years of age after the existing, second hand machine had broken down – mum paid small contribution

Feb 14 – Home exercise bike - encourage teenager to lose weight - allow a vital pacemaker heart operation – was born with congenital heart problem, developmental delays, asthma etc. (90%)

Feb 14 – Basic items for a young adult who became homeless after the death of a younger sibling caused grieving and strains with single parent, leading to a family breakdown – 58% ERGCauses)

Feb 14 – Pyjamas, socks and toiletries for a pensioner living alone with advanced dementia, taken into emergency respite due to safety fears, but had nothing suitable to wear (100%ERGCauses)

Feb 14 – Provide transport to help bring furniture and belongings for a young, single, pregnant vulnerable adult to relocate back nearer home where the support network live (50% ERGCauses)

Feb 14 – Specialised clothing and bedding protection for a teenager who underwent unexpected emergency surgery resulting in a colostomy and stoma being fitted (100% ERGoodCauses)

Feb 14 – replace broken with basic entry level washing machine for a single parent living on benefits due to mental health issues - young child in the process of toilet training (50% ERGC)

Jan 14 – Help with transport to allow 2 previously working parents to visit daily, their very sick child who has been hospitalised for treatment for 7 months and will continue as an inpatient (100%)

Jan 14 – A new fridge and freezer for use by Carers of Dementia Centre clients who attend “the Stables” run by Age Concern Eastwood – to prepare food for the Carers meetings (50%ERGC)

Jan 14 – Deep clean of a property for a single pensioner with a terminal diagnosis due to cancer, who has been unable to care for themselves due to a disability and an alcohol addiction (50%)

Jan 14 – Ipad with specialist software for a teenage autistic, non –verbal pupil of Isobel Mair “special needs” school to enable this child to communicate by using the computer (76% ERGC)

Jan 14 – Basic clothing for a young teenager - who lives with a single parent with substance misuse issues along with very poor home conditions – to enable child to go on school trip (100%)

Jan 14 – provide transport to allow a traumatised adult to move to a new tenancy - away from the location of the serious sexual assault that led to the need to relocate (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jan 14 – Basic carpet for an adult with schizophrenia who had to move to a tenancy with no floor coverings – supported to take medication by community mental health nurses (100% ERGC)

Jan 14 – Cordless kettle tipper, easy grip knife - adult with severe arthritis leading to inability to hold a kettle etc. to prepare food & drink independently – worked full time until disability (100%)

Jan 14 – Ipad mini to enable a pre-school child to communicate – child has chromosome disorder causing severe global developmental delay, mobility, very limited verbal skills (75% ERGCauses)

Dec 13 – Waterproof duvet & bedding for a disabled child with incontinence & learning difficulties who lives with a separated parent with depression & stress related mental health issues (100%)

Dec 13 – Basic entry level washing machine for a widow with physical disability and requires the community psychiatric nurse due to mental health issues – looks after 1 child (100% ERGCauses)

Dec 13 – Specialised seating at home for a pensioner who suffered a stroke leading to obesity and balance problems - enable more comfort & the spouse to look after them more easily (15%ERGC)

Dec 13 – Provide transport to help a single parent with teenager – had to give up work after ill health - leading to a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis – causing financial hardship (100% ERGC)

Dec 13 – A child's bed for a growing youngster who was still sleeping in a travel cot – child had to live with another family member due to the drug use of both the natural parents (50%ERGCauses)

Dec 13 – Foldable mobility scooter - adult in employment – on low income - with Multiple Sclerosis to allow the continuation of basic tasks like grocery shopping - prevent housebound (67%ERGC)

Dec 13 – Provide 3 single beds for 3 kids under ten, who are all currently sleeping on a mattress on the floor as the single parent living on benefit cannot afford to buy any (50% ERGoodCauses)

Dec 13 – Mini fridge to store sterile medication/feeding & bedding protection items for a family caring for a youngster – tube fed, colostomy – very premature at birth resulting disabilities (100%)

Dec 13 – Basic recreation goods for a single parent, working dad, who has been given custody of his children after the separated mother experienced severe mental health issues (50% ERGC)

Dec 13 – Living room carpet for a single parent widow – try to encourage the parent to overcome the social anxieties that developed after the husband's death some years previously (50% ERGC)

Nov 13 – A laptop for a Young Carer – enable achievement at college, school based qualifications were disappointing due to the caring duties for a parent with addiction problems (100% ERGC)

Nov 13 – Supervised transport for children to attend school whilst single parent with no family support goes into hospital for an essential operation & recuperation period (50%ERGoodCauses)

Nov 13 – Specialised orthopaedic chair for blind, kidney failure, heart attack all due to long term complications from type 1 Diabetes – make easier for wife as full time Carer (100% ERGCauses)

Nov 13 – Computer allowing variety of domestic environmental controls – lights, television, heat on/off etc. for an adult with multiple sclerosis – wheelchair user – no use of arms or hands (50%)

Nov 13 – provide a skip to help a working single parent on low income, with the help of other family members to upgrade the home and make it suitable for the children (66% ERGCauses)

Nov 13 – Ipad for a primary school age child at Isobel Mair - Downs's syndrome and communication difficulties - help boost achievement & make learning more interactive (50% ERGoodCauses)

Nov 13 – A basic over bath shower for a single parent on benefit and a child with a chronic health condition that makes bathing painful due to eczema – also asthmatic – (100% ERGoodCauses)

Nov 13 – Provide a specialist car seat harness to prevent a child, with learning difficulties and no sense of danger, from undoing the rear seat belt and climbing into boot/front seat (100% ERGC)

Oct 13 – Repaired a wet floor shower area for a pensioner with multiple disabilities including severe mobility restrictions, enabling them to remain living in their own home (33% ERGC)

Oct 13 – Providing a lightweight wheelchair - given to “Age Concern Eastwood” to increase their stock of “short term/loanable” wheelchairs which they give out in the community (50% ERGC)

Oct 13 – Ipad for an 18 year old, visually impaired student – also has joint dysplasia – to enable video/pictures to be taken during lectures at college allowing student to magnify image (75%)

Oct 13 – Bunk beds to provide their own “place to sleep” for primary school age children, who live with a single parent - reliant on benefits - along with two other siblings (50% ERGoodCauses)

Oct 13 – Repair damaged woodwork after unknown long term leak in a wet floor shower area to allow showering safely – used by young adult wheelchair user with cerebral palsy (100% ERGC)

HOW YOU CAN HELP

ERGoodCauses was set up in 2007, by myself Russell Macmillan, a registered blind man, and a few trusted friends, following my life-saving, Diabetes and Kidney failure curing double pancreas & kidney transplant, to say thanks to God for my second chance of life, and to honour the memory of the sadly deceased organ donor, whose organs live on inside me, to help other people.

“In following my own personal Christian beliefs, I have found no greater pleasure in life than to try and “Love my Neighbours” to the best of my ability. I am asking for all people to join with me in the same satisfaction of helping our own neighbours within East Renfrewshire.”

All our grant requests come from trusted, trained frontline staff from teachers, doctors, nurses, health and social workers to name just a few. These people are aware of what the state can supply, so they identify additional goods that are not provided by the statutory sector. This vital “Knowledge of Need – KoN” is what drives our fundraising efforts, here in East Renfrewshire.

Please become a friend of ERGoodCauses by signing up to a regular, monthly standing order, from as little as £5+ per month. Together we can show our neighbours we care about them.

100% of personal donations are spent directly on good causes in East Renfrewshire so please join us today.

Russell Macmillan – founder of ERGoodCauses 21st Mar 2014