

East Renfrewshire GoodCauses (ERGC) Achievements Yr 7

Second 6 Months - Yr 7 - Apr14 – Sep14

East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses	First 6 months Year 7 Apr 14 – Sep 2014	Running Totals after 7 Years to Sep 2014
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 16,525	£ 198,451
Individual beneficiaries	115 people helped	1200 people helped

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

Sep 14 – Help prepare the house to allow a late 30's adult with mobility issues to be discharged from hospital – been in-patient for 5 months after suffering a very serious stroke (44%ERGCause)

Sep 14 – Baby monitor to help teenage Carer to sleep at night whilst supporting a much younger sibling needing a heart, and a parent needing a kidney - both waiting for transplant (100% ERGC)

Sep 14 – Sensory equipment for a hard working family who have a primary school age child with pre-natal brain disorder and global developmental delay – attends Isobel Mair School (50%ERGC)

Sep 14 – Garden hut for a “skill enhancing working group” to build confidence/prospects - run by Causeway – supports adults with mental health issues in our own community (50% ERGCauses)

Sep 14 – Ipad to help a primary school age child - mainstream education to maximise educational potential – child is on the autistic spectrum and gets support from ENABLE (55%ERCauses)

Sep 14 – Bike to help re build self-esteem for a teenager who is in care and now looked after by East Renfrewshire Council – due to previous significant neglect in the child's early years (50%)

Sep 14 – Recreation - a single parent living in poverty with a teenager – both suffering from severe depression - supported in the community by Renfrewshire Assoc. Mental Health RAMH (75%)

Sep 14 – Basic catering of tea/sandwich for after the funeral of a young adult with mental health condition – parent reliant on state benefit - unable to provide the very basic catering (50%ERGC)

Sep 14 – Helped 2 individual primary school pupils to be able to attend a school week away – to prevent the pupils from being excluded due to the difficult home situations of both (50% ERGC)

Sep 14 – Bedroom carpet for a teenager who lives with a parent with ongoing and long term underlying addiction issues being treated in the community, whilst the other parent in prison (50%)

Sep 14 – A bed for a single parent with kids who had to relocate due to domestic violence and was having to sleep on a second hand, donated couch – causing back problems (100% ERGCauses)

Sep 14 – Personal cleaning and bathroom products for a pensioner who is waiting on a colostomy operation due to an ongoing medical problem – severe irritable bowel syndrome (100%ERGC)

Aug 14 – Two new mattresses with waterproof protectors for 2 teenagers who have multiple disabilities due to rare syndrome – results in constant bed wetting and ruining of bedding (50%)

Aug 14 – Wheelchair ramp/decking - caravan - grandparents are 24/7 kinship carers for severely disabled adult (meningitis as baby) after the death of single parent - breast cancer (10%ERGC)

Aug 14 – A basic washing machine for a pensioner with vascular dementia who lives alone and has no family support – becomes easily confused & is prone to toileting accidents (100% ERGC)

Aug 14 – Clothing to help a family with a hard working father on low income, supporting a wife and kids where there are 2 kids with special needs as both are on the Autistic Spectrum (100% ERGC)

Aug 14 – Provide additional therapy resources and equipment for use at home, to help encourage the educational progress for a primary school age child with “Autism” (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jul 14 – Additional play therapy sessions to help the development of an under 8 years of age child with complex disabilities that make it difficult to learn how to interact & play in a normal way (50%)

Jul 14 – Washing machine and replace broken bed - full time hard working person, on low income, who also cares for his wife who has a mental health issue resulting in her “hearing voices” (100%)

Jul 14 - Horse riding lessons for a primary school age child who suffers from autism, learning disability, Dyspraxia resulting in poor balance and limb strength & sensory problems (100%ERGC)

Jul 14 – Transport 4 donated kid’s bikes to a supervised cleaning & servicing unit, run by adults with special needs, for them then be gifted to 4 children who had never owned a bike (100%)

Jul 14 – Washing machine for an adult Carer who is unable to work for more than a few hours per week on low wage, due to the Carers role they play with the grown up disabled son (100% ERGC)

Jul 14 – A toddlers bed for the child of a single parent living in poverty and unable to provide a bed - child having to sleep with parent – potentially slowing development of child etc. (100% ERGC)

Jul 14 – Materials to make safe the rear area to allow a 9 year old blind Isobel Mair school child with learning difficulties - play safely in the back garden allowing parents some respite (50%ERG)

Jul 14 – Basic sports equipment for a teenager whose single parent mother suffers from mental health issues – in an attempt to divert teenager away from involvement in low level crime (100%)

Jul 14 – two single beds for a family unit who had to set up home independently as a result of the single parent’s severe mental health - inability to provide safe home environment (50% ERGC)

Jul 14 – School uniform to relocate after undergoing problems, due to the less than ideal home background – to give fresh start and encourage positive educational outcome (100% ERGC)

Jul 14 – Ticket for a play scheme - ensure a young child - living with grandparents/ kinship Carers - is not socially excluded from the peer group – Grandparents bought the other ticket (50% ERGC)

Jul 14 – Garden equipment to help a single parent and child set up home after being homeless – child has Down’s syndrome along with additional significant special needs (50% ERGCauses)

Jun 14 – Provided free tickets to the Eastwood Rotary Variety Concert in June 14 at Eastwood Theatre to individuals including pensioners, disabled, carers, volunteers (100% ERGoodCauses)

Jun 14 – Provide clothing that fits for an adult who had to flee the marital home due to domestic violence – stress of situation resulting in drastic weight loss for the assaulted party (100%ERGC)

Jun 14 - Large push button phone with amplifier for a pensioner who is hard of hearing & uses a hearing aid – lives alone and suffers poor mobility along with type 2 Diabetes (100% ERGCauses)

Jun 14 – Garden fence to enclose the rear area to allow a pre Isobel Mair school child with autism and severe learning difficulties to play safely in the back garden allowing mum some respite (33%)

Jun 14 – Specialised “mounting equipment” to allow a full time wheelchair user with cerebral palsy to attach a control mechanism to the side of their self-propelled chair – easier to use (50%ERGC)

Jun 14 – A second hand suite from ReUselt for a single parent with children - who is unable to purchase a suite due to relying on state benefits and no support from the absent parent (100%)

Jun 14 – Laptop to enable a teenager to continue their education, who became homeless after being assaulted by the single parent who was “high” due to a severe drug addiction (100% ERGC)

Jun 14 – Tickets for two primary school age kids who live back with a parent after spending time being looked after by the state – to go to the local summer holiday school club for first time (100%)

Jun 14 – Transport to facilitate a mother with cancer and no further surgical options, to have a short respite break with her husband & young daughter – case from Palliative care nurse (100%)

May 14 – Disco equipment, Karaoke machine, laptop and speakers for the “include me 2 club” – a social group run by volunteers for adults with varying special needs from across ER to meet (40%)

May 14 – Sports shoes to allow a young Carer to participate and prevent exclusion due to poverty - suffers a serious illness themselves, but is the main Carer within single parent family unit (100%)

May 14 – New mattresses and bedding to replace existing ones where springs were sticking through for the 2 kids live in poverty due to the serious mental health problem of parent (85%)

May 14 – Basic carpet for a single mum with pre-school age child to replace the existing carpet which is so threadbare that it represents a serious health and trip hazard (50% ERGoodCauses)

May 14 – A light weight cooking set of pots/pans - allow a full time wheelchair user, who is the main Carer for chronically sick widowed mother, to prepare food in newly adapted kitchen (100%)

May 14 – Basic household goods to help a single parent with mild learning difficulties and mental health issues, to set up own home – grandparents/carers getting older and difficult to cope (71%)

May 14 – Help with recreation trip for a child & single mother with bi-polar disorder – to reward the efforts they have made to overcome the mental health condition to benefit her child (50% ERGC)

May 14 – Garden play equipment for a young child who is unable to go to the local swing park etc. due to recently undergoing life-saving open heart surgery – only allowed protected play (100%)

Apr 14 - Training & home based therapy course to help the parents and young child on the autistic spectrum, maximise the educational outcome for the child & reduce stress at home (43% ERGC)

Apr 14 – Provide Care staff - to allow the spouse of a terminally ill adult, to go on a training course run by Prince of Wales Hospice, to learn palliative care skills to better care for dying spouse (31%)

Apr 14 – 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%)

Apr 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)

Apr 14 – Lino & hoover to encourage a family where mum works long hours on low pay, dad has had serious mental health issues but is trying his best to help himself and child (50% ERGCauses)

Apr 14 – Personal and house cleaning materials – washing powder, toothpaste etc. – for a single parent household where parent is recovering well from a nervous breakdown after family tragedy

Apr 14 – Transport for family, dad works part time on low income, mum is full time Carer for a child with a life limiting condition - full time wheelchair user – goes to a hospice for respite (100%ERGC)

Apr 14 – 2 rechargeable batteries for a mobility scooter for use by an ex forces adult and parent who has had leg amputation – preventing being housebound and socially isolated (75% ERGC)

Apr 14 – Clothing for a young Carer to prevent social exclusion - who provides most of the caring and household duties for the housebound, disabled single parent - multiple health issues (100%)

Apr 14 – Decorating materials to allow a team of volunteers to renovate the old Neilston Police station for use as a base for the First Responders run by the Scottish Ambulance Service (100%)

Apr 14 – Vocational training course for a teenager who has grown up in council care – to improve the life chances and employment prospects – proved to have a very strong work ethic (50%)

Apr 14 – Transport for a child with cerebral palsy - a full time wheelchair user - to join in with pals & friends going on trips from the after school club thus preventing exclusion due to disability (50%)

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 his second chance of life, and to honour the memory of the sadly deceased organ donor, whose organs live on inside him, 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 24th Sep 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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