

# **East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 8**

## **First 6 Months Yr 8 Oct 14 – Mar 2015**

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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<b>East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses</b>	<b>First 6 months Year 8 Oct 14 - End Mar 2015</b>	<b>Running Totals after 7.5 Years Mar 2015</b>
<b>Goods/Service Given Out</b>	<b>£ 16,725</b>	<b>£ 215,175</b>
<b>Individual beneficiaries</b>	<b>79 people helped</b>	<b>1279 people helped</b>

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

Mar 15 – Two lightweight wheelchairs given to the Eastwood Dementia Centre “the Stables” - help those clients with poor mobility as well as Dementia to be taken to different activities (50% ERGC)

Mar 15 – Laptop – Adult in their mid-20’s with Asperger’s syndrome – currently trying to seek employment and computer will increase IT skills improving employability chances (68% ERGC)

Mar 15 – Petrol - additional transport costs where one parent is temporarily living in hospital with very ill, disabled child, currently in intensive care, other parent is travelling to and fro (50% ERGC)

Mar 15 – Lent out a donated, hand held, magnifier with light/camera called a “pebble” – establish whether a pensioner with macular degeneration would benefit – try before family buy (0% ERGC)

Mar 15 – Basic washer/dryer for a single parent suffering from depression – looking after a very young child in the toilet training stage – family unit is totally reliant on state benefit (100% ERGC)

Mar 15 – Three separate parcels containing 30 items of groceries” gifted to 3 households who are on very low incomes – “food money to be diverted” to replacing kids clothes/shoes etc.(0%ERGC)

Mar 15 – Van hire – single parent with kids to move their own household items to storage, - family had to be re housed - emergency homeless accommodation as private landlord selling up (50%))

Mar 15 – Decorating of main living area for a family where mum is a full time wheelchair user due to multiple sclerosis MS, dad out working full time and child in full time education (50% ERGC)

Mar 15 – Specifically built buggy for a severely disabled early primary school age child attending Isobel Mair School – cerebral palsy, visual impairment, gastrostomy, West Syndrome (16%ERGC)

Feb 15 – Transport to facilitate visiting for a parent to a child, after traumatic family breakdown due to severe mental health episodes - resulting in dispersal of family and children (50% ERGCauses)

Feb 15 – Microwave - replace broken one – relatively young adult with terminal diagnosis requiring oxygen and care 24 hours a day – high electricity bill out of benefits for oxygen machine (100%)

Feb 15 – Powered on one side - double bed to allow husband & wife to sleep in the same bed despite one needing postured bed due to failing mobility - Motor Neuron Disease (33%ERGC)

Feb 15 – Recreation to enable a child of a single parent to go with peers to a local weekly sporting club to prevent child being disadvantaged through poverty of home situation (100% ERGCauses)

Feb 15 – Provide some pre-paid gas/electric cards for a single parent family with two young children who have been living without hot water or heating due to poverty (50% ERGCauses)

Feb 15 – Provided a 25 item food parcel to help a single parent family - fleeing domestic violence and set up home after marital breakdown – mum does voluntary work in community (0%ERGC)

Feb 15 – Provided a 25 item food parcel to help a single parent whose health after an accident and circumstances have prevented taking up a part time job – very low income (0% ERGC)

Feb 15 – A basic entry level electric cooker for a single parent with no cooker, who suffers from mental health issues and a child requiring medication to control their ADHD (34% ERGCauses)

Jan 15 – An i-phone for a registered blind adult – macular degeneration – help the person remain independent and provide confidence in venturing out themselves when not accompanied (80%)

Jan 15 – Ground floor wet room/bedroom for a severely disabled primary school age child with epilepsy, full time wheelchair user - attends Isobel Mair school for kids with special needs (1.5%)

Jan 15 – Provide a place on a school trip to prevent a young person who has also been a young carer to a disabled sibling - from being excluded from their peer group (40% ERGoodCauses)

Jan 15 – Ipad mini for an early primary school child with autism who attends Isobel Mair school – specialist programmes allow visual timetable, regular and practical tasks to aid learning (66%)

Jan 15 – Food parcel for a working family with two young children, where one parent had an accident, making it difficult to cope with kids – large debt problem in background (50%ERGC)

Jan 15 – Special body suit/harness – “Upsie” - allow a wheelchair dependant 5 year old child with cerebral palsy and complex disabilities to stand for first time walking on top of dads feet (100%)

Jan 15 – Electronic magnifier that is not available through the NHS, for a widow in her eighties, living alone, registered blind - macular degeneration – allows them to read own mail (50%ERGC)

Jan 15 – Due to ERGoodCauses closing a funding gap - a £2000 payment from a company who paid the contractor directly for a wet floor shower/bedroom for a child with a severe disability (0%)

Dec 14 – Distribution of circa £12,500 worth of brand new gifts & toys for some of the kids in poverty in East Renfrewshire - donated free to us via “Glasgow Spirit of Christmas” appeal (0%)

Dec 14 - Donated warm winter clothing from the various Christian Churches to be distributed via school teachers & social workers to kids living in abject poverty in East Renfrewshire (0% ERGC)

Dec 14 – Basic winter clothing including underwear, shoes, vests, warm socks etc. for various children at different schools within East Renfrewshire who had no warm clothes (100% ERGC)

Dec 14 – Taxi to enable a mid 30's father on benefits, to get to hospital for 7am for day surgery otherwise operation to remove gall bladder would be cancelled - no public transport (100%ERGC)

Dec 14 – Provide re-registration fee for the “General Teaching Council” for an experienced teacher who was trying to return to work after suffering a prolonged mental health breakdown (50%ERGC)

Dec 14 – Washing machine to help a school attending “Young Carer” - clothing for two primary school age siblings & disabled single parent who is just out of hospital due to breakdown (50%)

Dec 14 – Bed, side table for a pensioner moving from a furnished “bed-sit” into a sheltered housing type flat, but no bed or bedding provided with the new accommodation (50% ERGC)

Dec 14 – Ipad for a disabled young adult/wheelchair user - currently in a residential training centre to develop independent living skills in the hope of living independently in the community (50%)

Dec 14 – Outdoor winter clothing to enable a primary school age child to go on a school trip – single parent now stable and making good progress in drug rehabilitation programme (50%ERGC)

Dec 14 – Specialist hearing aid machine that is not available from the NHS – to allow a 97 year old, living in the community to be able to hear even with background talking etc. (50% ERGC)

Dec 14 – Donated from a Christian Church to ERGoodCauses - children’s winter clothing that we gave to a social worker who works with kids in need within East Renfrewshire (0% cost to ERGC)

Dec 14 – Ten “Hi Visibility” vests for a group of volunteer gardeners, small repairs etc. - for elderly /disabled in East Renfrewshire – provides work experience - back into paid employment (100%)

Dec 14 – Adult strength, garden “basket swing” for a 9 year old blind boy, with learning difficulties and no sense of danger – to calm him down without medication - give Carers some respite (21%)

Dec 14 – Basic entry level electric cooker as existing one had only one ring working for a disabled single parent who is helped to manage household tasks by a young carer - under age 10 (50%)

Nov 14 – Transport to allow a primary school age child with learning difficulties to attend a 4 week trial at a local sports club, to try and prevent social isolation from friends/ peer group (100%ERGC)

Nov 14 – Help provide a support worker to allow a severely disabled child to go on a family break with siblings and widowed mother after the sudden death of the father/husband (14%ERGCauses)

Nov 14 – A double buggy to allow a family with a “just born” premature baby to go out safely as they already have a 1 year old needing a buggy – father works on an erratic low income (100%)

Nov 14 – Safety harness for a childrens swing and a specialist additional car seat strap – both for use by a child with epilepsy and a diagnosis of Ret Syndrome – attends Isobel Mair (100%ERGC)

Nov 14 – Washing machine for an adult with learning difficulties who now lives alone and is struggling to look after themselves after the death of a sibling/full time Carer – (100% ERGC)

Nov 14 – Wheelchair power pack to help a pensioner Carer with her own health problems, to take her mobility impaired, disabled husband out and & about & prevent him being housebound (50%)

Nov 14 – Funeral costs - prevent debt problem carrying over - and allow an adult with learning difficulties to have a funeral for his brother who did a lot of volunteering & was his sole carer (11%)

Nov 14 – Private company provided special “buggy” to help the parents transport a disabled child who was unable to use a normal “buggy” – ERGC were going to provide the £450 (0%ERGC)

Oct 14 – Private company provided a garden swing suitable for disabled child/adult worth £1350 on the understanding that ERGC paid for the transportation and assembly on site (0% ERGC)

Oct 14 – Private company provided an Ipad to help a disabled teenager communicate and learn at school and home – ERGoodCauses were going to provide the £399 but not required (0% ERGC)

Oct 14 – Provide the catering for a group of volunteers to run a “Silver Sunday” for the over 65’s - held in Neilston Parish Church - attended by 70+ residents – many socially isolated (50% ERGC)

Oct 14 – “Shaken baby, neonatal drug withdrawal and foetal alcohol” dolls for use by the WAM (what about me) project run by East Renfrewshire Council for the most vulnerable (50%ERGC)

Oct 14 – Two second hand couches for a single parent who suffers from severe depression and looks after her children – two children have disabilities – epilepsy & deafness (100% ERGCauses)

Oct 14 – Specialist equipment to allow a primary school age child with no speech and significant learning difficulties – Angelman Syndrome – allowing communication – Isobel Mair pupil (25%)

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

Oct 14 – Lightweight folding wheelchair to improve quality of life for a pensioner whose mobility was impaired after falling down stairs – leg and ankle required pinning (74% ERGoodCauses)

## **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**