

East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 8

Second 6 Months Yr 8 Apr 15 – Sep 2015

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East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses	Second 6 months Yr 8 Apr 15 - End Sep 2015	Running Totals after 8 Years Sep 2015
Goods/Service Given Out	£ 20,643	£ 235, 818
Individual beneficiaries	102 people helped	1381 people helped

Above £'s figures are cash spent on “goods & services” - does not include the £ value of supplier discounts, donated time/materials etc. - often double the £ spend noted above.

Sep 15 – Repairing a ramp, upgrading garden pathway etc. – homeowner where spouse is full time wheelchair user – late 30's - Multiple Sclerosis MS (50% ERGC)

Sep 15 – New bed and bedding for a widowed pensioner to return home from hospital after falling and breaking her hip – existing bed in poor condition (100%)

Sep 15 – Ipad with additional memory space to allow the operating of special apps for blind child with non-verbal Autism, learning difficulties to communicate (50%)

Sep 15 – Dog food – dog gone to Foster carer – owner admitted to hospital and no longer has capacity so waiting for Guardianship to allow rehoming of pet (100%)

Sep 15 – A cleaner - short period – 2 hours a week to help a new mum - husband died, just weeks prior to giving birth – also had 1 other child still in nappies (80%)

Sep 15 – Worked with ER Domestic Abuse Project and provided a cot, mattress, baby bottles, etc. for a new mum having to be rehoused after fleeing abuse (100%)

Sep 15 – Observed “play/therapy sessions” for a child with Autism, to establish the best way of maximising the child's potential - reducing stress on single parent (70%)

Sep 15 – Playhouse & Trampoline for an autistic child with sensory impairment and excess energy – needs safe enclosed area to play - give parents respite (90%)

Sep 15 – Combined with Eastwood Rotary to provide - Ceiling attached tracking hoist for a wheelchair dependant young adult with Cerebral Palsy – (50% ERGC)

Sep 15 – Travel card for single parent and child – socially isolated - relocated to new area after successfully weaning off a previous substance addiction (33% ERGC)

Sep 15 – Downstairs bedroom extension for use by a child with Cerebral Palsy – Government paying to install a wet room but not downstairs bedroom (2% ERGC)

Sep 15 – Pest control to deal with a serious Mouse problem – single parent with no extra money due to just purchasing new school uniforms – no spare money (100%)

Sep 15 – Replace mobile phone - adult had their phone stolen whilst in-patient for 2 months – help to prevent isolation as now living back in community (50% ERGC)

Sep 15 – Deep Jacuzzi bath at home providing “water therapy” which helps calm down a wheelchair dependent teenager with severe Autism – helps Carers (50%)

Aug 15 – Bike, purchased from the Barrhead Super sellers centre (adults with disabilities) for an orphaned young adult on very low income (100% ERGCauses)

Aug 15 – Décor materials for new tenancy – single parent with 2 young kids been living homeless unit – parent progress overcoming substance misuse (50%ERGC)

Aug 15 – Deep clean flat - facilitate hospital discharge - adult with epilepsy that lay undiscovered for days after being trapped between bed & wall after a seizure (60%)

Aug 15 – Paint/brushes for an adult living alone in the community – personality dis order led social isolation – décor materials - try and lift person’s low mood (100%)

Aug 15 – Bunk beds for two young kids – 3 year old has outgrown but has been sleeping in cot due to poverty of single parent – mental health issues (50% ERGC)

Aug 15 – Two single beds - dad (Carer of both child with Autism & wife with severe depression) had an accident requiring multiple operations and long rehab (100%)

Aug 15 – Clothing grant - social worker to take hard working (modern apprentice) young person, on a very low income shopping for socks, underwear etc. (100%)

Jul 15 – Locksmith - change a front door lock to prevent a single parent on low income attempting to access a second floor flat on a windy day, using ladders (50%)

Jul 15 – Wheelchair access ramp for the parent’s house to facilitate their electric wheelchair using son – due to MS - lives independently - visit twice a week (50%)

Jul 15 – Transport to help a Carer travel to and fro from Glasgow to Edinburgh on a daily basis for extended period, after spouse had transplant operation (50% ERGC)

Jul 15 – Scout fee’s for camp and swimming lessons for the younger of 2 kids, after the sudden loss – MS & chest infection - of their father - recent ex-forces (50%)

Jul 15 – Reconditioned bike for early teen - lives with a single parent on low income Cycle bought from Centre Super Sellers run by adults with learning difficulties (50%)

Jul 15 – Double bed for an adult with terminal lung cancer – unable to receive chemo due to other medical conditions like COPD, heart disease etc. (50% ERGC)

Jul 15 – Fencing of back garden to create a safe play area for an autistic child who has no sense of danger – helps alleviate some of the stress for parents (15%ERGC)

Jul 15 – Wet floor shower conversion for a late 50's adult with vascular dementia and arthritis – helps spouse care and easier access basic showering (10% ERGC)

Jul 15 – Holiday club fee - prevent 2 kids from being excluded due to poverty - both live with Grandparents – kinship Carers – due to drug addiction of parents (100%)

Jul 15 – Bright coloured stairway carpet to encourage an Autistic, visually impaired, teenager to walk down the stairs instead of sitting and going one at a time (80%)

Jun 15 – Curtains - bedroom of two children - live with their hard working single parent, who has mild developmental delays - neglect in their own childhood (100%)

Jun 15 – Laptop for a single mum with two primary school age kids, one with a diagnosis of ASD – mum is becoming socially isolated due to her Caring role (75%)

Jun 15 – Hearing aid equipment that is not available from the NHS - pensioner with hearing loss – equipment worked for this client but not suitable for everyone (50%)

Jun 15 – Contribution towards costs to allow a guide to attend a summer camp to prevent exclusion due to poverty – single parent family with other siblings (50%)

Jun 15 – Worked in partnership with school to provide 2 places - trip to ensure that 2 separate kids in primary are not excluded – both from single parent families (50%)

Jun 15 – Bunk beds and children's single bed for a single parent family who had to move house to be nearer - care for elderly grandparent – out with social fund (50%)

Jun 15 – Transport costs for a child with complex multiple disabilities and full time wheelchair user – to prevent exclusion from recreation with friends/peers (50%)

Jun 15 – Single bed into grandparent house - to allow the school age grandchild to move in and be looked after in a “kinship caring basis” – addiction issue with parent.

Jun 15 – Combined with SSAFA (ex-forces charity) flooring suitable for wheelchair - dad with young family, medically discharged due to onset of multiple sclerosis (0%)

Jun 15 – Single parent with young child required to move closer to the disabled mum/grandma to provide regular care & support – carpet for new tenancy (50%)

Jun 15 – Home Exercise “Static Cycle” machine for an adult wheelchair user with Multiple Sclerosis – maintain muscle tone/remain as mobile as possible (23%ERGC)

Jun 15 – Holiday club fee - prevent 1 kid from being excluded due to poverty – has to live with Grandparents – kinship Carers – due to drug addiction of parent (100%)

Jun 15 – Recreational fee to help an adult with Schizophrenia continue to build up their confidence and rehabilitation - in their attempt to gain employment (48%ERG)

Jun 15 – Provide rail tickets to help a widow travel to specialist rehab hospital in Edinburgh to visit her only adult son – organ failure – long term hospital stay (10%)

May 15 – Decorating materials to help a parent with Bi-Polar, Addison's, to set up home independently after relationship breakdown with a Carer/relative (100%)

May 15 – Combined with Saint Vincent de Paul to provide a bedroom carpet for a disabled child's new downstairs bedroom to go with new wet floor bathroom (40%)

May 15 – Shoes & clothing for an adult - living in temporary homeless unit – after excessive weight gain after severe depression – had no clothing that fitted (100%)

May 15 – Wet floor shower area for a hard working family – autistic child attends Isobel Mair School – playing with water calms child without flooding bathroom (10%)

May 15 – Combined with the Maxwell Mearns Church Christian Fund to provide catering help after the sudden death of a spouse – low income household (50%)

May 15 – Bed & curtains - allow pre-school child to sleep in her own bed – single parent on state benefits, mental health issues and is 20 weeks pregnant (50%)

May 15 – Bike with safety equipment for a teenager with a previous head injury – facilitate exercise and independence – low income working family (75% ERGC)

May 15 – Microwave & external “key box” to facilitate the hospital discharge of a pensioner with Dementia to return home & be cared for in the community (100%)

May 15 – Surcharge to help facilitate a family to take their teenage child on a short break, in an attempt to alleviate exclusion – Asperger's, ADHT (10% ERGCauses)

May 15 – Easter Eggs worth £200 donated to ERGC from Cosgrove Care – these were distributed via different networks to under privileged children (0% ERGCauses)

May 15 – Special “plastic wall panels” instead of tiling for a newly built downstairs wet room for a child with complex disabilities – attends Isobel Mair School (50%)

May 15 – Hand held magnifier/camera for a pensioner with very little vision due to Macular Degeneration – allows them to read labels on food when shopping (0%)

May 15 – Dismantling, transporting and re-assembling a power assisted bed being gifted from one family to another family, after the death of a family member (100%)

Apr 15 – Telephone with built in amplifier designed to help those with hearing loss – given to a widow to help maintain independence & boost confidence (100% ERGC)

Apr 15 – Sensory Equipment - help parents “calm down” a non-verbal, autistic teen who self-harms partly due to frustration of being unable to communicate ((50%)

Apr 15 – Short term taxi cover ensuring safety of a child travelling to school and back – help a family fleeing domestic abuse whilst re settling in another area (50%)

Apr 15 – Basic washing machine for a single parent reliant on state benefits so low income - with 3 kids, one of whom is on the autistic spectrum (50% ERGoodCauses)

Apr 15 – Plumbing/boiler repair for a single parent on low income who had no heating or hot water – relatively young child with no bathing facility (100% ERGC)

Apr 15 – Petrol - help a father - low income, travel to and from Yorkhill Hospital to visit - young son who is an in-patient undergoing life threatening surgery (50%)

Apr 15 – Two lightweight wheelchairs for the Age Concern Eastwood dementia Project known as the Stables – transport disabled clients with poor mobility (50%)

Apr 15 – In partnership with Eastwood Rotary - help complete the bedroom for a disabled youngster – full time wheelchair user & complex disabilities (50% ERGC)

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.

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Russell Macmillan – founder of ERGoodCauses

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