

# **East Renfrewshire GoodCauses(ERGC) Achievements Yr 9**

## **Second 6 Months Yr 9 Apr 2016 – Sep 2016**

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<b>East Renfrewshire Good Causes - ERGoodCauses</b>	<b>Second 6 months Yr 9 Apr 16 – End Sep 16</b>	<b>Running Totals after 9 Years Sep 2016</b>
<b>Goods/Service Given Out</b>	<b>£20,907</b>	<b>£276,889</b>
<b>Individual beneficiaries</b>	<b>75 helped</b>	<b>1541 people helped</b>

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 16 – Combined with Eastwood Rotary Club/Maxwell Mearns Castle Christian Support Fund and client to create a level access driveway/storage hut/outdoor electric charge point for a mobility scooter pensioner with COPD (23%ERGCause)

Sep 16 – Mini Bus hire/Petrol - group of adults – disabled & who live independently - to go on a day trip to Largs – help prevent social isolation/exclusion (100%ERGC)

Sep 16 – Provided “peer homework support sessions” for a teenager who had fallen behind/lost confidence in Maths after missing many lessons - health issue (100%)

Sep 16 – Tank of petrol to help support a husband who is a full time Carer, take his wife who has motor neurone disease to a specially adapted Caravan (100% ERGC)

Sep 16 – Covered some small additional costs that arose for a pensioner who cared for his dying wife – show his community loves him during his grieving (100% ERGC)

Sep 16 – Clothing grant to allow a teacher to buy a teenager some appropriate clothing to enable them to attend interviews for college/part time job (100%ERGC)

Sep 16 – We paid £500 which unlocked £500 from another trust, towards a wet floor shower adaptation to help an adult stroke victim & his Carer wife (5% ERGCauses)

Sep 16 – Combined with Maxwell Mearns Castle Christian Support Fund to replace a broken double glazed external sliding door, to allow an adult Carer to take their stroke victim, wheelchair bound mother, into the back garden (45% ERGCauses)

Aug 16 – Volunteer Transport costs - drive an adult with multiple sclerosis to attend a “medical driving assessment” – only done in Edinburgh – establish ability to drive

Aug 16 – Talking Microwave for a registered blind youth living in East Renfrewshire who attends the Edinburgh Blind School where they learn how to use it safely (50%)

Aug 16 – I-pad with large memory to allow a visually impaired adult with other health conditions, to download special “apps” suitable for folk with very poor vision (88%)

Aug 16 – Install a shower and tiled area to enable an adult with LUPUS to be able to shower instead of having a bath – helps husband/carer from lifting in/out bath (50%)

Aug 16 – Second hand Playstation 2 console (PET tested) + 12 games given to the ERC Homeless Team for re housed homeless children (0% as donated to ERGC)

Aug 16 – Orthopaedic mattress, raised bed base etc. for a young adult who suffers & receives treatment for chronic back pain and uses mobility aid to walk (38%)

Aug 16 – 4 large bags of very good condition baby products clothes/toys etc. that will be distributed to families via ERC Homeless & Refugee team (0% ERGC)

Aug 16 – Combined with Eastwood Rotary Club and others to provide a powered sports wheelchair for use by a full time wheelchair user with “Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy – teenager excluded from new local group without power chair (10%)

Jul 16 – Domestic electrical goods for a young family setting up their own tenancy after being re settled through the Scottish Government Refugee policy (50% ERGC)

Jul 16 – Paid for an electrician to fix some loose wiring/lighting/sockets etc. for a widow and her young kids, to allow mum to complete the decorating (100% ERGC)

Jul 16 – A new electric cooker to a pensioner with vascular dementia who lives in their own home after a small fire damaged the cooker making it unsafe (50%)

Jul 16 – Provide food for lunches - allow a secondary school - Eastwood side of our authority to run a 3 day holiday club for some disadvantaged pupils (100% ERGC)

Jul 16 – Brand new record player/radio music system donated to ERGC by local resident – gave to new church tea/coffee group for the elderly (0%ERGoodCauses)

Jul 16 – With ER Domestic Abuse Project - provide some household goods for a mum/kids to set up own tenancy after time in temporary homeless flat (100%ERGC)

Jul 16 – Paid fee for a Primary School trip to ensure that 1 member of the class was not excluded due to their family income being limited due to unemployment (100%)

Jul 16 – Uniforms for additional volunteers who work for the “Neilston & Uplawmoor First Responders” – all trained local residents giving of their time (50% ERGCauses)

Jun 16 – Ten hours of “home tuition” to try and help a teenager catch up after falling behind due to medical condition - has negatively affected school attendance (100%)

Jun 16 – Large bathroom radiator for an adult who is a full time wheelchair user due to suffering from multiple sclerosis - make life more comfortable (50% ERGCauses)

Jun 16 – Limited number of Taxi journeys for a self-employed contractor who broke their arm, resulting in a prolonged inability to drive due to severity of injury (100%)

Jun 16 – A Tablet computer to allow a tetraplegic adult (road traffic accident) who lives independently, to access the internet during enforced bed rest (50% ERGC)

Jun 16 – Trampoline to encourage play for a young child with developmental delays due to neglect by the single parent, who had significant mental health issues (100%)

Jun 16 – A 3 month Gym membership at the Barrhead Foundry to help in the rehabilitation of a sports minded adult who suffered a brain injury (100% ERGC)

Jun 16 – Building work including fixing rendering and re pointing coving slabs to enable the kids at Netherlee Primary School to create a Mural (50% ERGCauses)

Jun 16 – Recreational break to help a child suffering from neglect who had to be relocated to live with estranged parent, due to mental health of other parent (50%)

Jun 16 – Special “safety car seats” for twins who are disabled and attend Isobel Mair School – helps parents transport kids safely without worrying (50% ERGoodCauses)

May 16 – Materials & labour to help maintain a caravan used for respite breaks for service users of RAMH – Renfrewshire Association for Mental Health (12.5%ERGC)

May 16 – Club fees for young primary school child to attend drama classes in a bid to build up confidence and self-esteem after being relocated to kinship care (33%)

May 16 – Exterior hand rail to add to the one provided by the state – raise standard give more confidence - partially sighted, elderly person macular degeneration (50%)

May 16 – Combined with ENABLE to provide training to develop the confidence & skills to allow a young adult on the Autistic spectrum to travel independently (60%)

May 16 – Transport to allow an aunt (only surviving family member) to collect an adult with learning/physical difficulties to be a Carer for a respite break (50% ERGC)

May 16 – Help towards the 20% shortfall after 80% statutory grant funding to allow an adult living independently to adapt their bathroom into a wet floor shower area to make washing safer – client suffering major seizures without notice (11% ERGC)

May 16 – Blinds/décor materials - help single parent with kids to set up own tenancy after spending time in temporary homeless accommodation - fleeing abuse (100%)

May 16 – “Talking label” and “Talking Colour” machines for a widowed pensioner living alone - boost independence – registered blind - Glaucoma (65% ERGCauses)

Apr 16 – Paid for the uniform to allow a young person to enter the workforce after undergoing and successfully completing a full week of unpaid training (100%ERGC)

April 16 – Combined with the ER Carers Centre - provides some “Stress Relieving Therapies” for adult Carer – spouse is hospital patient trying to return home (50%)

Apr 16 – Worked with SSAFA to provide a lower level double bed for an ex services pensioner who has Cancer/Leukaemia and Parkinson – current bed too high (100%)

Apr 16 – Hospital type “Double Bed” - uplifted, cleaned, serviced and relocated - one side powered/profiled – pensioner couple – one with Multiple Sclerosis (100%)

Apr 16 – Clothing - primary school age child with communication difficulties, ADHD and autism to enable going on holiday – child gloss painted other clothes (100%)

Apr 16 – Gave 179 items to “looked after” late teen/young adults” of new clothing with different logo’s - from a branding business – their samples & demo (0% ERGC)

April 16 – Convert bathroom into “wet floor shower” room for frail, elderly pensioner who requires a hoist for all transfers – unable to bath or shower for a year (17%)

Apr 16 – Paid the “protecting vulnerable groups PVG certificate fee – was barrier to employment - allow a young mum to return to the workforce as “home carer” (100%)

Apr 16 – Outdoor clothing - ensure child wasn’t excluded from a school trip due to short term poverty resulting from parent and child fleeing domestic abuse (100%)

**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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