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ALL MONEY RAISED
IS SPENT LOCALLY

RESULTS ACHIEVED THROUGH A LOVING HEART

ONE MAN'S MISSION TO GIVE BACK AND HELP THE PEOPLE OF EAST RENFREWSHIRE

East Renfrewshire Good Causes ERGC, the charity set up by 58 year old registered blind man Russell Macmillan from Newton Mearns, has teamed up with the community minded Maxwell Mearns Castle Church MMCC to run a Love Your Neighbour Club LYNC in East Renfrewshire.

The aim of this partnership is to reach out to the many local, struggling households in the middle of this poverty pandemic and show that we care about each other.

The LYNC ER mini project comes under the umbrella of the ERGoodCauses charity is currently based in the premises of the Newton Mearns Church. The initiative successfully received £10,000 from awards for all community fund from the national lottery and has recently been awarded another £5,000 from the public vote as part of the Humanitarian fund.



MAXWELL MEARNS
CASTLE CHURCH



*Russell Macmillan
ER Good Causes*

Russell Macmillan said

"There is an excellent and well established Trussel Trust ER Foodbank which caters for emergency food need, so our LYNC ER project aims to provide "gifts of kindness" by way of



"Gift's of Kindness" provided by ERGC

either household cleaning & toiletry products, family activity or sensory packs, The referrals for these different gifts come from a wide range of dedicated frontline staff like teachers, housing, health and social workers to name a few, along with cases from the many 3rd sector groups we work alongside."

Along with the premises being provided free of charge by the church, many of the volunteers who carry out doorstep deliveries of these different gifts are members of the Maxwell Mearns Castle Church congregation.

The minister Rev Scott Kirkland said "this LYNC ER partnership is just one of the many ways our church looks to serve our local community as loving God and loving our neighbours is such a core part of our Christian faith and we are delighted to be part of this great work"

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE OVER 2,500
POSITIVE IMPACTING EVERDAY ACHIEVEMENTS
ERGoodCauses HAS BEEN MAKING THROUGH
THEIR KIND DONATIONS.

- 1). Working with a qualified physio we provided a trial anti gravity Treadmill session at Ross Hall private hospital for a cancer patient who has had chemo and radiotherapy following a major operation which badly affected mobility, to aid independence. (100%ERGoodCauses)
- 2). Working with an occupational therapist we provided a Smart baby monitor for a low income family. Their child with complex medical needs requires oxygen. Parents need to monitor oxygen levels overnight. - we want the parents to know they are cared for (100%ERGoodCauses)
- 3). Travel pass to enable a high school pupil to attend an ER school even though due to family breakdown they have had to move out of area to be temporally rehoused.in homeless unit (50%)
- 4). Grass cutting for a severely disabled ex services who was injured whilst serving our country overseas. Client paid towards cost of gardener - referred by housing officer at ERC (38%)
- 5). Working through Womens Aid we provided basic kitchen items for a single parent moving from homeless accommodation into a permanent flat. Family under extreme financial and emotional stress - sometimes the gift of kindness is worth more than the items (100%ERGC)

There is a tidal wave of poverty and ERGC need to step up and try and target the right donations to let us make as much an impact as possible.

- 1 - Money via monthly standing orders from individuals and business is most flexible and let's us respond easiest
- 2 - specific high value, low volume donated items like washing machine pods, are second best
- 3 - Toiletries, household cleaning, loo rolls etc

But if the need is low income digital exclusion, or household activity packs, autistic kids then it needs money to buy targeted sensory items.

Having the Southsider team up with ERGC to show our neighbours we care about them is good for you, us and our community

CHARITY REALLY BEGINS AT HOME

ONE MAN'S
MISSION TO
GIVE BACK
AND HELP
THE PEOPLE
OF
EAST
RENFREWSHIRE
and surrounding
local authority areas



Anyone wishing to join
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