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£85,000 donated to Scottish Charities by HSF

Twenty-eight Scottish charities received donations from the Hospital Saturday Fund at a special reception hosted at Glasgow City Chambers on 16 February 2017. In total, £85,000 was donated to the charities at the event, which was hosted by The Rt Hon Lord Provost of Glasgow, Councillor Sadie Docherty, represented on the evening by Bailie Marie Garrity and the Lord Dean of Guild.

Among the beneficiaries was Action on Hearing Loss which received a donation to deliver hearing aid maintenance in heart, stroke and chest wards across Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The Eric Liddell Centre received a grant towards their dementia day care group and Kilbryde Hospice’s grant will be used to provide pain management syringe infusion pumps. Also receiving grants were Lo- mond Mountain Rescue Team to enable them to purchase new first aid kits, and the Glasgow Children’s Hospital Charity who will use their grant to fund a state-of-the-art neurosurgical HD endoscope. A grant was made to Multiple Sclerosis Scotland to support their important research into the underlying biology and potential treatment strategies to slow or stop the progression of MS, and the Scottish Cot Death Trust’s donation will be used to provide education and resources to health and social care professionals to raise awareness.

Paul Jackson, CEO of the Hospital Saturday Fund said: “The Hospital Saturday Fund is honored to support the efforts of such deserving charities and help in some way towards the exceptional, tireless work that they do in making such a huge and positive difference to so many lives."

New medical equipment for therapy centre

HSF was delighted to award Race Against Multiple Sclerosis (RAMS) a £2,000 grant which will allow the charity to purchase new items of hyperbaric oxygen equipment for their therapy centre.

RAMS is devoted to helping people living in Northern Ireland with Multiple Sclerosis and other neurodegenerative and chronic disabling diseases, for which there is no known cure. The charity operates a community ‘walk-in’ Therapy Centre providing a range of specialised therapies, rehabilitation programmes, information and support for sufferers and their families to access when and as they need it, to help ease their suffering and to enhance their health and quality of life.

Glasgow Reception at Glasgow City Chambers
New baby ventilator for special care unit

The Hospital Saturday Fund had the pleasure to visit the North Devon District Hospital in Barnstaple to present a cheque for £2,000 towards a ventilator for their special care baby unit. The unit will enable doctors and nurses to save and improve the lives of the sickest, most vulnerable new-born babies and will enable the Special Care Baby Unit team to continue their fantastic care and enhance their capabilities. Their Capital Appeal will provide specialist equipment such as ventilators and the latest incubators so that the condition of new-born babies with urgent medical needs can be treated more effectively.

The special care baby ventilator which HSF helped to purchase will mean that very high dependency babies can remain in Barnstaple, rather than face a long and potentially hazardous journey to the nearest baby unit.

Wheelchair Rugby changes life around for Aaron

Mark Davies, HSF Trustee was delighted to present a cheque to the South Wales Pirates wheelchair rugby team. Established in 1989 they were the first wheelchair rugby team in Wales. In 2015, the team changed its name to Osprey Wheelchair Rugby Club and now train at Osprey’s training facilities.

Paul Jackson, HSF Chief Executive and Mark Davies were met by Head Coach, Paul Jenkins, who had played Team at the Atlanta Games in 1996, Sam Lloyd, Trustee and Team Captain and Aaron, a new member of the team.

Aaron explained that he had lost both legs and part of his hand due to Septicaemia. Until he started playing wheelchair rugby, Aaron had a drink problem and was very overweight. Wheelchair rugby had changed this situation and given Aaron a purpose in life. He explained that prior to playing wheelchair rugby he didn’t know many disabled people; now Aaron could share his experiences with other people who face the same issues. It was clear to see the very positive effect wheelchair rugby had on the lives and the wellbeing of its players.

Funding towards expanding life-saving clinical trial Centre

Cure Leukaemia charity was established in 2003 by Professor Charlie Craddock and Graham Silk, who was a successful businessman who was diagnosed with leukaemia and would have died without the clinical trials.

The Charity’s core aim is to find cures for all blood cancers. Over the last few years many potentially transformative new drugs and transplant therapies have been developed, requiring rapid assessment in high quality clinical trials, funded by Cure Leukaemia.

The Hospital Saturday Fund awarded this charity £10,000 towards expanding the current centre that will extend and save many peoples lives.

“Patients are potentially missing out on lifesaving treatment as we simply do not have enough specialist nurses to deliver enough clinical trials. It is deeply frustrating that patients are being turned away and miss out on these important and potentially curative drugs.”

Professor Craddock
Magic Carpet for Danybryn Centre residents

Leonard Cheshire Disability were delighted to receive a £10,000 grant from the Hospital Saturday Fund towards purchasing a Magic Carpet Sensory System for their residential home in Danybryn.

The Magic Carpet is an interactive projection system that enables disabled people with complex needs to interact with moving images and participate in physical and cognitive therapies by simply moving on or over the projected surface.

Leonard Cheshire Disability is the largest disability charity in the world, with over 7,000 staff. The charity supports thousands of disabled people both in the UK and in more than 50 other countries.

Danybryn is a home (with nursing care) providing a range of services for 30 adults with physical disabilities. The home is a newly refurbished Victorian house in its own landscaped grounds near to Cardiff. The home is equipped with assistive technology, which enables residents to open doors, control lighting and enjoy facilities independently.

Lifeline support Centre's funded for families with terminally ill children

The Rainbow Trust Children’s Charity provides care and support for families when their child has a life threatening or terminal illness.

The Trust runs Drop in Groups, which meet monthly and bring families together in a safe environment where they can talk openly about what they are going through with other families who are going through similar problems. These meetings allow not just the parents but also all the family to talk and enjoy time in a different environment than the home or hospital. These groups are proving so helpful and popular that there is a demand to set up more of these groups across the UK.

The £5,000 grant donation will be used to fund the 11 drop in Centre’s that the Family Support Workers hold regularly around England for families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. These drop in centres are a lifeline for families who have to cope with the demands of a sick child. Many of the parents helped have no other support network during this difficult time and the emotional stress of hospital visits day after day can be too much to bear.

Greater Independence for Treloar students

The Treloar Trust provides education, care, therapy, medical support and independence training to young people with physical disabilities from all over the UK and overseas. Their aim is to prepare these young people for adult life, giving them the confidence and skills to achieve their full potential.

The Hospital Saturday visited the centre to present a cheque for £10,000 towards The GridPad Eye 13, a dedicated voice output communication aid, powered by the Grid – to enable people to communicate with symbols, text or a combination of both. The GridPad Eye 13 can be accessed using eye-gaze via MyGaze technology. It has inbuilt infra-red technology so it can be used to replace the remote controls that normally operate TV, music centres and other similar systems, enabling further independence. This equipment will allow some students to express themselves which is extremely empowering.
The Hospital Saturday Fund (HSF) is a UK charity that was founded in 1873 by pioneers in social and philanthropic work to help people to afford medical care. In recent times, the Fund has 'tailored' its benefits and these are now offered through HSF health plan, one of the leading health cash plans in the UK and Ireland. Profits from the trading company, HSF health plan, are channelled into the 'parent' charity, The Hospital Saturday Fund, to enable charity donations to be made. In 2017 the Hospital Saturday Fund will give £1,000,000 in donations and grants to medical charities, hospices and hospitals across the UK and Ireland. Assistance will also be given to individuals whose illness or disability has caused financial difficulties.

**Grant Information**

**Who can apply:**

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for:

- Registered medical health charities which are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or in support of medical training within the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Republic of Ireland;
- Individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from particular forms of treatment.

For how to apply see the HSF website for full details of the criteria: [www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org](http://www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org)

**Applications from Organisations**

The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly. Applications should be submitted online by close of business on the following dates:

**GMC 30 January 2017**
Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 1 January 2017
Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 1 December 2016

**GMC 5 June 2017**
Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 8 May 2017
Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 10 April 2017

**GMC 14 August 2017**
Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 17 July 2017
Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 19 June 2017

**GMC 6 November 2017**
Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 9 October 2017
Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 11 September 2017

**Applications from Individuals**

Individual applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis. See the guidelines on our website for further information.