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The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity Update

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Whizz-Kidz

Whizz-Kidz was founded in 1990 and the charity's aim is to transform the lives of children with disabilities by providing the equipment, support, and life skills they need, when they need them – giving them the chance to develop to their full potential. Whizz-Kidz has run a clinical service for 30 years, providing adapted wheelchairs and other life-changing mobility equipment to families who have been unable to fulfil their requirements through the NHS. Every year the charity supports approximately 1,000 chil-

dren aged between 2 and 18 years of age, in England, Scotland, and Wales. The charity can uniquely fit and tailor equipment to the needs of the individual child. This process considers both the clinical and welfare requirements of the individual.

Following HSF's November Grant Making Committee (GMC), they were awarded £10,000 towards mobility equipment to transform the lives of disabled children and young people in East Sussex and Kent.



Paul Jackson, HSF CEO, presenting
£10,000 to Sarah Pugh, Chief Executive
of Whizz-Kidz

Young at Heart

In 1982, a group of parents of children with Congenital Heart Disease set up the Young at Heart charity so that they could offer additional support to other heart families such as theirs so no one felt isolated as they understood what families were going through. All Trustees had something in common, a child with a poorly heart. Young at Heart has provided many INR machines over the years to help alleviate the pressures upon heart children and their families for checking their blood levels when on Warfarin. They have also provided many defibrillators to fami-

lies and also to Birmingham Children's Hospital so they can issue to families to keep their child at home. At HSF's August GMC they were awarded £5,000 towards defibrillators and INR machines. Presently, there are over 40 children on the UK heart

transplant list and if these poorly children have a cardiac arrest at home or out in the community and do not have access to the lifesaving defibrillators and INR machines, it could be fatal for the child. John Randel, Chairman of HSF health plan, had the pleasure of presenting the cheque to Jessica Ratcliffe, Vice Chair and her daughter Becca Hampson, Young Ambassador. Becca, who has had a heart condition since birth, needed to have open heart surgery at 6 months and will need further surgery to keep her well. One of her favourite thing's to do is helping others, especially poorly children, feel happy!



John Randel presenting the grant cheque
to Jessica Ratcliffe & Becca Hampson.

Pancreatic Cancer UK

Pancreatic Cancer UK supports people with the condition and invests in research to combat the disease. Unfortunately, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest common cancers but research into the condition is poorly funded.

Pancreatic cancer develops when cells in the pancreas grow out of control, forming a lump. This is often referred to as a tumour or mass. There are different types of pancreatic cancer, with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma being the most common. Neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) are less common – they behave differently and therefore treated differently.

Quite often pancreatic cancer shows symptoms in the early stages, or can occur as the cancer grows. Symptoms might not be specific to pancreatic cancer and they may come and go to begin with, which

can make diagnosis very difficult. The most common symptoms are stomach and back pain, weight loss and indigestion.

Chris MacDonald, Head of Research, at Pancreatic Cancer UK explains that when a tumour grows in the pancreas, it damages the organ and stops or reduces its enzyme production, which the stomach requires to break down food successfully. As a result, the patient becomes extremely ill, as well as being in a lot of pain. This can be treated by enzyme therapy in the form of a pill, but it is very important that the person also receives the correct dosage. The new test will be able to diagnose not only an enzyme deficiency, but will also ascertain the correct dosage, as part of the treatment.

Chris explains that in terms of treatment and potential recovery

from pancreatic cancer, this enzyme therapy is as important as chemotherapy, because it allows the patient to have enough strength to have stronger more effective treatment and also quicker and more accurate surgery. Obviously, if a patient's pancreas is removed the enzyme therapy becomes part of their long-term care. The research began in September 2021 and continues for 12 months. The total cost of the research is £72K. The pancreatic cancer patients taking part in these trials will receive an immediate benefit as the research will mean their enzyme deficiency will be calculated correctly, improving their quality of life and signposting any potential future treatments.

The Hospital Saturday Fund's grant of £10,000 will support the research Keith Roberts, Consultant Liver Transplant and HPB Surgeon, is undertaking at the University of Birmingham to find a simple blood test that will pinpoint the exact digestive enzyme level in pancreatic cancer patients.



HSF Chief Executive Paul Jackson presents a grant for £10,000 to Sophie Hunter, Senior Trust & Foundations Manager, Pancreatic Cancer UK

The Salvation Army

On 30th November 2021, HSF Chairman John Greenwood and Adrian Button, HSF health plan's Head of Sales & Marketing, UK & EU, presented a £1,000 donation to the Salvation Army in memory of Peter Groat who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Peter was connected with HSF for many years and was a Lifetime Association member and greatly respected by all. He will be missed by everyone at HSF.

Peter's daughter recommended that HSF's donation was made to

The Salvation Army in Peter's memory.

John Greenwood and Adrian Button are pictured with Dean Pallant, Secretary of Communications at The Salvation Army.



Sense Scotland

Sense Scotland was registered as a charity in 1985. It has grown to support people of all ages and their families, with complex disabilities and communication support needs across Scotland.

Sense Scotland provides a range of services including: residential short breaks and respite for adults and children, family advisors, an early years team, community living support, day support, arts programmes and activities including music, visual arts, performing arts and crafts, healthy living, physical and outdoor activities, practice skills training and assessments for professionals, policy development, representation and consultation.

Gillian MacLellan, Trusts and Grants Officer, Sense Scotland, informed us that South Lanarkshire short breaks provides an essential service for

adults with disabilities, their families and carers. Families and carers are given a well-earned break that's tailored to their individual needs, with time for friends and much-needed breathing space. The service supports up to 7 people at a time (up to 90 annually), who have communication support needs arising from a range of disabilities, often with additional complex health

needs.

The Hospital Saturday Fund have provided a grant for £10,000 to Sense Scotland towards the purchase of an Aquanova Gemini 1700 specialist bath. This will further enhance the sensory experience for people visiting South Lanarkshire short breaks.

Warren Vale, Senior Account Executive at HSF health plan presents a grant for £10,000 to Sam Taylor, Centre Manager at Sense Scotland. June Devlin, Senior Business Development Co-ordinator, HSF health plan, (pictured left) and a staff member look on.



East Anglian Air Ambulance

One of HSF's Life Association Members, Mrs LMC Warner (known as Ande) sadly passed away earlier this year and HSF made a donation of £1,000 in her memory to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, her favourite charity. Ande was a former non-executive Director of HSF health plan, former Trustee of the charity and one time member

of the Grant Making Committee, which means that she has been at heart of the charitable donating decisions made by HSF, changing the lives of various charities recipients and individual medical applicants.

Jonathan Diamond, HSF Association Member, presents the donation cheque to Jason Williams, Trusts and Legacy Administration Manager at EAAA, pictured on the left.



Individual Grant Update

We were pleased to give a grant to a young man in Northern Ireland, JP, to help fund his new purpose made car seat. The family has a wheelchair accessible car but this seat means that on longer journeys JP is sitting up beside his big sister in comfort and not alone in the back of the vehicle in his wheelchair.

The family are active and love the outdoor life and this seat means they

can get out and about more easily together as a family.

With his regular trips to hospital for appointments to help with his Down's Syndrome and multiple related complications, the seat will be of great help. In fact the seat arrived just in time as JP's hip had dislocated and without his new car seat, car journeys would have been impossible.





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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 2021 The Hospital Saturday Fund will give £2 million 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 charities, hospices and medical organisations which are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or 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 criteria and link to the online application form:

www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org

Applications for Organisations:

The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly. Applications should be submitted online by close of business on the deadline date. Here are the dates for 2022:

GMC 25 January 2022

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 – deadline 4 January 2022

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 1 December 2021

GMC 17 May 2022

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 – deadline 20 April 2022

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 23 March 2022

GMC 9 August 2022

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 – deadline 13 July 2022

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 15 June 2022

GMC 3 November 2022

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 – deadline 7 October 2022

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 9 September 2022

GMC January 2023 (all dates for 2023 meetings to be confirmed in December 2022)

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €3,000 – deadline 4 January 2023

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 1 December 2022

Applications for Individuals:

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

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