

Grants Made 2011

Age	Grant	Details
Yrs	£	
3	1460.00	Severe hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy, Epilepsy, Lennox Gastaut Syndrome, Dystonia and Microcephaly. Visually impaired and unable to walk or crawl. Requires a special support chair for use at school so that he can participate in activities. Purchase funded.
3.5	208.90	Severely Autistic, very aggressive, and will lash out. Requires a lot of sensory input of a very energetic nature to help with his aggression. Unable to use public play areas because of aggression, and does not like to be touched. Grant requested for a trampoline in the garden to channel his aggression safely, as single parent mother is also unable to handle him alone. Purchase funded.
3	1706.00	Infantile spasms, microcephalic and has gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, and intractable epileptic encephalopathy. Unable to move independently, neither walking nor crawling, and requires specialised seating for school to allow him to participate. We funded the purchase of a suitable Jenx chair.
10 +	2299.36	Two autistic children, with parents with mental health problems. Children exhibit difficult behaviour, and funding requested for a sensory room. Family and another charity were originally providing some funding, but after 10 months of delays by the other charity, we decided that the family could not wait any longer, in view of the circumstances, and we provided the funding needed.
5	48.65	Autism and challenging behaviour. Set of reins requested so he could safely be taken out, without the risk of him running off.
9	685.47	She was left with severe physical and learning difficulties following a fall from an upstairs window when she was 5yrs old. She has difficulty moving and needs lots of stimulation. The request was for the purchase and installation of some equipment for a sensory room, which we agreed to fund.
5	1000.00	Cerebral Palsy with leg spasticity, making it difficult to learn to walk. Family raising £50,000 for a special operation in USA, and physiotherapy on return to UK. Their fundraising efforts include increasing the mortgage to the maximum possible on their house. Funding urgent as operation date became available at end of March. Grant made to the fund set up for him.
7	1015.00	Infantile Batten Disease, only communication is non verbal, doubly incontinent, and no longer able to stand unaided. A frame would help to stretch muscles, and improve bone strength. Purchase funded.
12	880.68	Severe learning difficulties & autism, no verbal communication, challenging behaviour. Funding requested for sensory equipment, as he responds well to the calming effect, which we approved.
12	158.01	Autistic, ADHD, mood disorder and parasomnia. Can not be allowed out alone for his own safety, but is interested in both electronic devices and reading. Reading helps to calm his anxiety, and the purchase of a Kindle will help to calm him. Only one parent able to work part time, needs a lot of care. We funded purchase.
3	147.95	Kabuki Syndrome, born with club feet, has development delay, and is very small for his age. Has limited mobility, and Wheelchair Services have provided a special buggy for outside use, but do not fund the additional accessories that would help. We approved purchase of the additional items.
10	1500.00	Leigh's Disease, fell ill 2010 and required a ventilator permanently. Left with almost no mobility and required turning regularly to avoid pressure sores. Acheeva seat/bed unit would allow posture change without manually movement and resultant discomfort. School had raised part of cost, we agreed to fund the balance. Sadly J died shortly after, but following a discussion with the school, it would have been a great relief for him if the equipment had been available, and there are two more children who would benefit immediately. The Trustees decided that we should proceed with the part funding of this equipment, to ensure that this facility is available for them, whenever they need it.
6	700.00	Chromosome LP36 deficient, Hypotonia, Development delay, learning difficulties, and limited mobility, being barely able to walk. Mother has a 1yr old, and needs a tandem buggy to be able to take both children out, designed for this specific purpose, and purchase approved.
4	600.00	Born with an interventricular hemorrhage, cerebral palsy, global development delay, sight problems, weak muscle tone, and unable to walk. Needs an area outside to use special exercise equipment to aid his development. Work to level the steeply sloping garden cost £2250, but with some funding from the family and another charity, a balance of £600 was required, which we provided.
6	1250.00	Cerebral Palsy, mobility problems, and now needs a new special bed with suitable cot sides. Initial quote the family received was in excess of £4,500, and we suggested a previously used supplier. Located a unit, to be sold as ex demo, at a much reduced price of £2,300. We agreed to fund the balance needed.
8	1632.00	Chromosomal abnormality, development delay, hypotonia, and significant learning needs. Started at Pens Meadow 4yrs ago with a second hand walker, now no longer safe or fit to use. Replacement needed to give him mobility, and help develop his limbs. Purchase approved.
1	622.34	Hypotonia, development delay, enlarged liver and spleen. Unable to walk or crawl as yet and difficulty sitting for long periods. Receiving physiotherapy and conductive education twice a week, and the

		purchase of equipment for home use would enable the exercises to be carried out daily, and help to improve his condition.
16	1700.00	Congenital Myotonic Dystrophy, very limited mobility and uses a powered wheelchair. Due to have an operation on her legs. Urgently needed a replacement wheelchair for existing 6yr old unit. No other help as she is able to walk a very short distance at present, but longer term prognosis is not good. Family have saved £2,500 and ex demo unit only used in the shop located, being sold at £4,200 instead of the normal £9,000 brand new. Balance of £1,700 funding needed approved.
5	122.55	Down's Syndrome, hearing impairment, sleep apnoea, poor muscle tone and over activity. Has no sense of danger and regularly releases himself from his car seat and runs off. Request was for a Crelling Harness, which will restrain him, and also a set of reins. A case where a small grant will make a large difference to the family, and grant approved.
10	105.25	Autistic, severe learning disability, and is non verbal. Tall and very strong, difficult to restrain, and also releases himself from his car seat and runs off. Request was for a Crelling Harness to again restrain him. Another case where a small grant will make a large difference, so grant approved.
	1338.00	Victoria School is the largest special school in Birmingham for children with physical disabilities (200 pupils aged 2 to 19). Request received for funding for the construction of three raised bed planters, of different heights, to allow the wheelchair users of different ages to access the beds to grow their own vegetables, fruit etc, learn gardening skills, and cook their own food. All part of a larger "Geenspaces" outdoor project at the school. Trustees felt this was an opportunity to impact on the lives of a large number of children, so funding approved.
4	725.00	Development delay, hypotonia, severely deaf and suffers seizures. Unable to support the weight of his head. Has a new baby sister, and family require a special tandem buggy, to handle children of different weights, and one with severe disability problems. Eventually located a suitable unit at a much better price, which could be modified easily to give R the support he needs, and give the family mobility.
4	2132.00	Neurological impairment, general development delay, and cerebral palsy following Pneumococcal Meningitis at the age of 7 weeks. Suffers from epilepsy, has a visual impairment, and significantly delayed gross & fine motor, and language skills. Needs a special support seat to be able to participate in school activities. We agreed to fund.
4	1996.00	Cerebral Palsy, Microcephaly, Agenesis of corpus callosum (a birth defect in which the structure connecting the two hemispheres of the brain is partially or completely absent), and general development delay. Has a marked tremor of her arms, and needs a fully supportive chair to enhance/enable better hand function. We agreed to fund.
4	1041.00	Purchase of a standing frame for use by the reception class children at Pens Meadow. Application for help received from Dudley Paediatric Physiotherapy Services, who are struggling for finance to provide one new frame for general class use (8 children). Quote received following assessment of one of the children. A frame will help both bone strength and mobility – approved.
6	1335.61	Downs Syndrome, challenging behaviour and boisterous. Needs both the calming influence and some stimulation from a sensory room. Both parents unemployed and father has a mental health problem, so difficult to provide any funding. Agreed to provide all the funding required.
4	175.00 + 49.99	Complex and severe autism. Abandoned by his mother, returned to biological father who is physically disabled, on a low income, lives with his partner in a one bedroom flat, and already has an 11 yr old son living with him. Child currently has to sleep on the floor, the grant financed the purchase of a bed for him. Second grant provided a table and chair so he has a place to eat from.
4	2081.00	Development delay, hypotonia, severely deaf and suffers seizures. Unable to support the weight of his head. No independent sitting balance, and his skills have started to regress. Needs a special support chair for school use to hold him and allow him to be moved around. Approved.
23	200.00	Severely autistic, moving out of a special school to live in rented accommodation in the community, but needs one to one supervision. Very limited funding available from the local authority, and a few small items will greatly help him to develop. Approved.
4	1157.00	Poor muscle tone, development delay, and unable to walk. Provision of a miniwalker would help to strengthen muscles, and help him to start walking. Approved.
	700.00	Halesbury and Pens Meadow Special Schools work jointly with a Family Outreach Coordinator. Help requested with the provision of a portable roll a ramp to assist wheelchair access to the new Disabled Youth Group Centre at Halesbury School. Cost £1,188, balance needed to purchase £700. Approved
2.5	1000.00	Cerebral Palsy, and unable to walk. Family has a target of £19,800 to purchase a specially built Snap Dragon Wheelchair, which will help to strengthen and straighten his legs, as well as giving him some independence. Contribution made to the Fund.
12.5	1826.00	Has a rare type of congenital muscular dystrophy – Emery-Dreifus Muscular Dystrophy type 1. Already frail, and prone to fatigue easily, request was for a special type of support chair, to provide help as her condition deteriorates. Approved.
5	139.00	Request for a replacement mattress. Single parent family, with two young children both with special needs. He is autistic and has incontinence problems. With no alternative finance available, help urgently needed.
7.8	399.00	Twin boys, one with Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, the other has Autism, ADHD, severe speech and language needs, and medical problems including Hypotonia and Hypermobility. Both have difficulty holding pens, and an assessment suggested the use of a touch screen computer. Educational software is

		already available for an iPad, so approved and purchased.
10.5	1030.15	Left Hemiplegia, Precocious Puberty, & severe learning difficulties. Can walk with difficulty, but has poor balance. Exercise tricycle proposed to build up leg strength, and help her mobility so she can play with other children. Approved
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