

## Grants Made 2012

Age	Grant	Details
Yrs	£	
5.3	1263.10	Cerebral Palsy affecting his whole body. Unable to stand, and suffers involuntary muscle movement. Has a standing frame for school use, which is too heavy to take home. A second unit at home would greatly aid his development. Approved.
17	675.00	Wheelchair bound, weighs 14 stone, and needs power assistance to move around as chair too heavy for carer to push. Existing powerpack has failed, and family unable to afford a replacement. If school provide one, it must be left at school, so unable to go out when at home. This will make a big difference to him. Approved.
	5454.90	Application from Victoria Severe Special School for help with funding Phase 2 of their Greenspaces Project. With 200 children, 85% of whom are wheelchair bound, the aim of the project is to develop outside areas for both study, and to allow the children to play, and where possible, enjoy activities that able bodied children can. We funded the purchase of a wheelchair trampoline, which will have easy access for the large number of wheelchair users, although all of the children will be able to use it.
1.75	409.50	Ventriculomegaly (Brain problems) hearing difficulties, and possible sight problems. About to have a Gastrostomy, which will involve fitting a feeding tube to his stomach. He also has low muscle tone, is unable to support his head and may develop spasticity. Family requires a special supportive car seat, and we agreed to fund a seat which will be suitable for him for a number of years.
	951.85	Application from Fort Royal Severe Special School for a Quest 88 special exercise tricycle. These are used to help children with Cerebral Palsy and Spina Bifida to flex and strengthen muscles. They are no longer supplied by Worcestershire CC Wheelchair Services, and the School currently has only one suitably sized tricycle for five of the younger children. We agreed to fund the purchase.
2	603.75	Severe global disability, and completely dependent on her parents. She has outgrown her baby care seat, and requires a fully supportive special car seat. Approved.
2.25	619.50	Severe global disability, and completely dependent on her parents. As in the previous case, she has also outgrown her baby care seat, and requires a fully supportive special car seat. Approved.
9	1209.00	He has a chromosomal abnormality, resulting in significant development delay, generalised hypotonia, and significant learning needs. He has outgrown his current school seating system, and requires a replacement. This was approved.
5	549.00	She has severe and complex learning difficulties, a heart defect, balance and coordination difficulties, and a small cyst on her brain. She is unable to engage in activities for any long period, as she is prone to fatigue and falling down. The family have previously managed to get out and about using a McClaren buggy, which she has outgrown, and now require a bigger and more robust special needs buggy with the additional support. We funded the purchase.
5.5	464.50	She has a partial deterioration of Chromosome 3, epileptic seizures, learning difficulties, ASD traits, and experiences speech & language difficulties and behavioural problems. She needs a special support car seat harness system, as she is difficult to contain in her seat, and can not be transported easily by her single parent mother, as for safety reasons, it requires two adults to be in the car. With the family on benefits, help was urgently needed, and we agreed to fund the equipment.
2	1000.00	She has Prader-Willi Syndrome, which results in various health/behavioural problems, and, in particular, continuous hunger. This often results in obesity and premature death. Outside exercise was very limited due to an impractical garden, which is very steep. We agreed to part fund a flat decking area to allow her to play outside, by match funding a grant from another charity. The family were then just about able to raise the balance required, so that the work could proceed.
	1840.00	The request was for help with a project at Penn Hall Special School, which involved relocation and expansion of the Soft Play Area. This allows wheelchair bound children to play in a safe environment, moving as best they can, away from the constraints of a wheelchair. We were asked to cover the cost of the additional wall padding needed, and the funding required was approved.
23	200.00	He suffers from severe Autism, and has a serious weight problem. We previously helped last year with the purchase of a few items, recommended by his carer, which have allowed him to exercise more and improve a little. A secondhand electronic treadmill became available, and with his Autism, he is insistent on completing any distance targets set, to achieve the correct lights on the machine. This will greatly help his exercise, and with the small Gym facility now created, it is hoped other young people can be encouraged to attend the daytime area rented for him, as he currently finds any relationships very difficult to develop.
1.5	229.00	He has Downs Syndrome, Hirschsprungs Disease (which is a restriction in the large intestine), and partial AVSD (which is a congenital heart defect common with Downs Syndrome patients). With delayed progress in speech and language, he is benefitting from learning to use Makaton sign language. The request was to fund the purchase of an iPad, which will allow a Makaton teaching application to be used. The family had raised £100 towards the cost, and an additional £229 was required, which we approved.
4	1461.00	He has complex health needs, significant development delay, is fed through a gastrostomy (a tube direct into his stomach), has unstable epilepsy, and dystonia (abnormal muscle contractions). His parents are separated with

	+ 1465.20	joint custody, and he needs two items of equipment. Firstly, he needs a second standing frame as these are impractical to transport, and he needs one to at each location to assist his development. He has also outgrown the car seat in his mother's car, and needs a new special support seat. We agreed to fund both items, as the family are struggling financially.
7	433.00	He has Autism, and escapes his car seat harness at every opportunity. A special support harness is required to ensure that he can be held safely, when travelling in the car. We agreed to fund.
15	529.00	She has PMLD, Cerebral Palsy, is unable to walk or bear weight, has a gastrostomy (feeding tube to the stomach), and is unable to make her needs known either verbally or by signing. She is completely reliant on others, and has been provided with a shower trolley for washing by Occupational Therapy. Unable to participate in practically anything, she does enjoy being in water, but is unable to have a bath, as she would need further support. We were asked to fund a special bath chair, which can be reclined as required, which is stable in a bath, and has support strapping to hold her in a safe manner. We felt that she should be able to participate in everyday activities, and supported the purchase.
7 & 9	920.40	A family of four children, with two boys at a Special School, both Autistic, the eldest having particular behavioural problems. Neither parent was working, and the father has a mental health problem. The request was for a replacement bed, as the existing one was on a high frame, and there were safety concerns, and also for some sensory room equipment. This included a light projector and a small padded area. Approved.
8	792.40	Another family of four children, single father who was made redundant. The eldest has violent challenging behaviour, causing injury to his father and damage to the house. Another charity is replacing some of the furniture, and we were asked to help with a sensory area, which included a light projector and a padded area (larger than in the previous request). The future of this family was in serious doubt, and we approved the funding.
3	325.00	He is 3 yrs old, diagnosed with epilepsy, global development delay, and autism. He also has behavioural problems. His pushchair became unsuitable for further use, and Wheelchair Services provided a McClaren Buggy. However, they do not supply the outdoor pack (sun shade, raincover, basket etc), and with the parents unemployed, we were asked to help. Funding approved.
	4089.00	The Meadows Sports College is a Secondary Severe Special School in Sandwell. They had one Acheeva bed which was in full use for one pupil, and they had three other pupils who would benefit from having another bed available. They were just starting fundraising, and asked if we could help. As these units are so useful, and so much in demand, we decided to fund the total cost.
11	2102.00	He has Cerebral Palsy and development delay. After recently losing the sight in one eye, he has lost confidence in using a rollator, and is confined to a wheelchair. He urgently needs more exercise to prevent his leg muscles wasting, and the request was to purchase a Meywalk Miniwalker, which will allow him to move around both the school and playground, with the extra support he needs. Funding approved.
6	1006.75	She has a genetic disorder, and learning difficulties. She presents with some uncoordinated movement of her upper and lower limbs, has low muscle tone, tires easily, and frequently picks up infections. Paediatric Physiotherapy recommend the use of a special exercise tricycle, which will help to build leg strength and stamina, and we have purchased these units before for similar cases. It will help her to get more involved in outside play, and provide some of the exercise needed. Approved.
8	375.00	She was diagnosed with a brain tumour and hydrocephalus at age 6, and has undergone surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy. She has multiple medical and learning needs, and is only able to attend school part time. The family is on benefits and entitled to a vehicle under the Motability scheme, due to the extent of her problems. With this, she could be taken to/from school at times when she is able to attend. Her mother has had driving lessons, but does not currently have a licence. By passing her test, this would have a major impact on the family, and we were asked to help towards the costs involved. In view of the potential impact, we have made a one off grant to help.
8	184.74	Diagnosis of Bardet-Biedl Syndrome, which results in very significant visual impairment. He has a progressive form of retinal dystrophy, and his sight will continue to deteriorate. We were requested to fund the purchase of special software for his computer, designed specifically to help children with a range of disability and learning difficulties, as well as poor sight, to help him to use a computer keyboard. Approved.
	1469.45	The Orchard School in Sandwell, which caters for children with a range of severe problems, requested help with funding the redevelopment of an existing enclosed play area. With some funding already raised, we agreed to cover the cost of the purchase and installation of two items of equipment for the playground, which are likely to be used by up to 150 children, at various different times.
3	730.00	He has severe autism, and a sleep disorder, which keeps him awake for long periods at night. A sensory area in his bedroom was recommended, and a weekly attendance at sensory sessions, at a local Children's Centre, had shown that a bubble column has a marked calming effect on him. The family had managed to save part of the funding required for the purchase and installation of a complete bubble column unit, before the father was made redundant. We agreed to step in and fund the balance needed.
3	510.00	Diagnosed with epilepsy, global develop delay, and autism, he also has behavioural problems. Having outgrown his car seat, he needed a special support seat to restrain him, when he regularly loses control, and a suitable design to allow his parents to get him in and out. A seat was located which will last him up to the age of 11. We have a discount arrangement with the supplier, and the cost reduces to £664.15. The family had raised a small amount towards the purchase, and we funded the balance.

4	227.75	She has Downs Syndrome, with both physical and mental development delay. With low muscle tone, and very poor speech, she has communication problems. Her speech therapist now uses an iPad to assist her work, and the Donds Syndrome Group reports on a large amount of work on the development of educational software, which is very helpful. The family had raised £100.00, and we funded the balance, to allow purchase of an iPad 2 (the earlier model), which the family had requested.
3	329.98	He has severe Autism, locked in his own world with no speech or social skills. It has been found that he responds to computer equipment, and recent studies have shown the benefits of using iPads for children with ASD. His Paediatric Specialist recommended use of an iPad, and we agreed to purchase it, with heavy duty protection, and loaded with the Autism apps, which should help him greatly.
17	1766.00	At age 11 she became ill, and nearly died. Recovery left her wheelchair bound, and she needs full time care. Family split up some years ago, she lives with her mother, and she needs special equipment eg. bed, hoist etc., in order to be able to stay regularly with her father. The State system will not provide a second set of equipment, and provision of this equipment will allow her to spend time with him, and should help her general mental health, as she now suffers from depression due to realisation of the limitations of what she can do. The father is unable to afford what is needed, beyond conversion of the lounge to a downstairs bedroom at his house. We approved the funding needed.
6	1474.00	He uses a height adjustable supportive seat, and a manual wheelchair with a seating system, at all times. He requires adult support to access all class activities, and for all personal care tasks. He also receives regular speech and language therapy. He has a target to become more independent with personal care, and the proposal was to purchase a toilet chair which would support him, and give him confidence to progress in this area, for use both at school and at home. Approved.
9	2085.75	She has cerebral palsy, and requires extensive help and support. She requires a new special support chair to give her mobility to the wide variety of activities she undertakes. The chair is fully adjustable for height, and provides the support she needs for use both at school and at home. Approved.
8	2467.20	Diagnosis of Cytomegalovirus, diaplegic cerebral palsy, and epilepsy, which results in profound and complex learning difficulties, and significant visual impairment. Recently he dislocated a hip and broke a bone. Due to his general health, an operation is not a current option, and an Acheeva bed/workstation was recommended as the best way of keeping him comfortable in class. The School can raise £1500.00 of the £4,176.00 cost, and with our recently negotiated discount of 5%, reducing the cost to £3,967.20, we contributed the balance to allow purchase to proceed quickly.
11	2055.00	She has a progressive condition called Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease, which is a rare central nervous system disorder, affecting co-ordination, motor abilities, and intellectual function. There is no cure, only general care. She urgently needs a replacement walker as she has outgrown her existing one, and the School equipment budget is struggling to fund the purchase. Without continued exercise, she will begin to lose muscle function, so we agreed to fund the purchase.
4	598.50	Diagnosis of Glutaric Aciduria Type 1, which lead to a metabolic crisis causing permanent damage to the basal ganglia. He presents with hypotonus (low muscle tone), and athetoid type movements in his limbs. He is fully dependent on his carers for all daily living activities. About to outgrow his car seat, we were asked for help. The initial quotation was £1,963.20, but using our regular contact, from whom we also receive a discount, and reviewing the type of seat needed, which does include a turntable base to assist getting him in and out, as he is unable to help, resulted in a final cost of £598.50, which we approved.
6	1000.00	Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and Moderate to Severe Learning Difficulties. His behaviour is difficult to manage, and it was identified that he would benefit greatly from a Sensory Room within his home. Five other charities had already helped, and we provided the balance needed to complete the facility.
3	877.15	Diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, type 3 Juvenile, called Kugelberg Welander Disease. The onset has been recent, and there is currently no cure for this extremely rare condition. She will progressively lose the use of her legs until she becomes wheelchair bound. A special exercise tricycle has been advised to assist with trying to delay progression by building up her muscle strength, as well as giving her some mobility both at home, and at school. Purchase approved.
1.75	208.00	Diagnosed with Edwards Syndrome, cleft lip, and heart problems. Presently on continuous Oxygen and a Nasogastric tube, she is life limited. Only very few children reach the age of 1 year, so she is a fighter. Her car seat is not comfortable, and she needs adequate support as well as suitable inclination to help maintain her respiratory function. We approved the purchase of a new seat.
5	2347.00	She has neurological impairment, general developmental delay, and cerebral palsy following Pneumococcal Meningitis at 7 weeks. She also suffers from epilepsy, has visual impairment, and delay in motor and language skills. Her condition has degenerated, and she has a spinal problem which will need an operation. She requires a special seat with full support to be able to participate in class activities, and we were asked to help with the funding. We approved the funding of a new seating system.
8	223.00	We recently helped with the purchase of an Acheeva bed/workstation, needed to keep him comfortable in class, due to his problems, which include a dislocated hip and a broken bone. Currently an operation is not possible due to complex medical problems that he has, so he needs to be kept as comfortable as possible. Wheelchair Services have now also provided a special wheelchair which allows him to be moved around with minimum pain. However, they never supply any of the accessories, two of which are a rain cover and a canopy, which are needed when taking him out, unless it is a dry warm day. We agreed to fund the cost

7	127.00	He has development delay and Autism Spectrum Disorder, with challenging behaviour. He requires one to one support through the day at school, and participates in a differentiated sensory curriculum. Sensory equipment at home would help to reinforce school work, and alleviate some behavioural problems. Another charity had already agreed to fund 80% of the cost, and the family can find 10%. We agreed to fund the balance so that the purchase of the equipment could proceed.
	484.15	A local pre-school caters for children from 2 to 4 years old, with special needs requirements. With a total capacity of 28, and groups limited to a maximum of 10 children, for two by two hour sessions per week, help was being sought to purchase a suitable McClaren Buggy. Children are taken out to the Park etc, but many are unable to use a standard pushchair due to size and weight. The school is run as a charity, and required help with funding to purchase the equipment needed. We agreed to fund the purchase of the buggy and suitable accessories.
13	2163.00	Recently came to this country, and never received any education before, as no suitable school available. Confined to a wheelchair, except when he crawls at home, he is very keen to try to walk like other children. A walker will enable him to leave the wheelchair, and move around with the other children, when at school. We approved the purchase.
15	411.28	He has severe and complex learning difficulties, Autism, complex speech and language difficulties, and challenging behaviour. His behaviour has deteriorated recently, and presented safety issues, as he now regularly escapes from his car seat. Temporary loan of a standard Crelling harness is a very short term measure, as he will soon learn to escape from it. We agreed to fund a secure magnetic button harness.
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