

SCHEME NEWS

Newsletter for volunteers,
families, funders and
friends of Home-Start
Warrington

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Home Start

Support and friendship
for families



Fundraiser at "One Stop" Convenience Store

Kate is pictured here with Manager Stephen Sloane, Manager of One Stop Shop Convenience store, Spa Brook, Howson Road and his colleagues. Stephen recently arranged a fundraiser in store, set up with the help of one of our volunteers Gail. We received £200! Thanks to the Store, Gail, and all the customers who entered the raffle.

Donation from a supported family

Elaine Wills of Elaine Wills Marketing recently met with Kate and Gwen, Chair of Committee, to present a cheque for £1,000. Elaine received support from us a few years ago after being referred following an accident that rendered her incapacitated with a new baby to care for. Elaine has never forgotten that support and vowed to make a donation as soon as she could. We are extremely grateful to receive such a generous one too!



Facebook competition

This lovely Sweet Tree was donated by J.E.L Creations, for a recent Facebook prize, aimed at increasing our Facebook audience. Congratulations to Emma Kate who won the prize - we hope that you enjoyed the sweets!
If you would like more information about J.E.L Creations, please contact Leanne on 01925 652320/576100.

If any other local businesses could consider offering a similar prize, we would be happy to promote you.



Farewell to Tracey Dean

On 27th July, we wished farewell to one of our Family Support Co-ordinators, Tracey who has been lucky enough to be able to retire early after 4 years with the scheme. Tracey enjoyed a cake and coffee morning with volunteers, staff, trustees and she received some lovely gifts and cards. Good luck Tracey and enjoy your retirement!



Hello to Tara, our newest staff member

On 31st July, we were joined by Tara Shaikh, Family Support Co-ordinator. Tara joins us from her most recent role as SENCO, supply teacher at Stockton Heath County Primary School. Tara already has her own case load of families and the volunteers that support them.

Welcome Tara, I am sure that you will enjoy working with the team!



Families Summer Outing

On 31st August, we went on a trip to Children's Adventure Farm Trust in Altrincham. The Farm Trust is a charity that provides a variety of programmes and residentials, for terminally ill, disabled and disadvantaged children from all over the North West. Our coach travel was funded by Matt Griffiths of Bolton Steel. Many thanks for your generosity Matt. If you would like to find out more about this superb venue and its facilities, please call 01565 830 053 or visit <http://www.caft.co.uk>



Training for Our Volunteers

Kate has liaised with Liz Martins, Project Co-ordinator of Best Beginnings, a charity with the same vision as us, to provide the best start in life for children. Their approach is to reduce inequalities in child health and to give every child in the UK the best start. They work closely with parents, leading healthcare professionals, royal colleges, other charities and the Department of Health to create innovative evidence-based resources, including a free multi-award-winning Baby Buddy app. We have secured a 4 session training event for our volunteers to increase their awareness and arm them with more tools to support our families. It is due to start in October, and an update will come in the Winter Newsletter. Letters with updated information will go out to our volunteers very soon. Any volunteers who have not put their name down – give us a call!



Co-operative Community Champion - Reminder!

We've been lucky enough to be chosen by the Warrington Capesthorpe Co-op to be their Community Champion. This means that if/when you register as a member with the local Warrington Co-ops, you can choose our charity to benefit 1% from your purchases of Co-op branded products, and you receive 5% cash back. You will also receive emails from the Co-op offering you more discount on other services, such as electrical goods etc. It costs just £1 to become a member, you can do it in store or online. Then choose our charity to support! If you need any help setting this up, we are happy to help you! Give us a call 01925 652320/576100

English Half Marathon and 10k - Reminder!

Our next fundraiser is the English Half Marathon and 10k, which takes place on Sunday 17th September. Every penny helps us, and it also helps the runners knowing that people are supporting them too. Please donate at: -

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/ehm10k2017>

or cash donations to the office.



We have recently been joined by Debbie Dearnley, a runner with "Run Sandymoor", who has already donated generously to us for her place in the 10k. Good luck to you all! An update will come in the December Newsletter.

Donations

Many thanks for all our donations! We are always grateful

The Volunteer donations since 1/4/17 - a massive £321.12

Other donations since our last Newsletter: -

Matt Griffiths, Bolton Steel Structures - £62.50 for the EHM 10k sponsorship (incl. gift aid)

Joan Tyrrell, late sister in law of Trustee Lynda Elwell - £50

Recycle 4 charity - £5

Gift Aid - £91.47

Andrea Tomkins, recently donated a cot, bed, pram, stairgate, crib, books and toys!

Thanks to our Home-Start friend, Brian Griffiths for power washing our courtyard and also wall mounting our key cabinet.

Thanks also to Home-Start friend, Dave Scully for taking new Team and individual staff photos.

**PSSST! WE ARE
RECRUITING!
(SPREAD THE WORD)**

Volunteer Preparation Course.

Our next course will commence in January 2018, but we are already logging any interest. Are you a parent who can spare 3 hours on one day per week to support another parent, with your skills and knowledge? The course will run for 10 weeks, 9.30 to 2.30 every Wednesday, except during school breaks, i.e. February Spring term break. Call us for an informal chat and we can always contact you again before we finish at Christmas to see if you can commit. 01925 652320/576100.