

# SCHEME NEWS



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

**Support and friendship for families**

Spring 2019

## *Celebrating 20 years supporting families in Warrington*

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### **Support a Family 2019**

Thanks to the companies who have signed up again to our Support a Family initiative. They fund £1200 per year and are linked to a supported family (anonymised). The companies receive quarterly reports to inform the impact their funding has on the family and their progress. Thanks in particular to Matt Griffiths, of Bolton Steel Structures, to Mike Lomax of Total Steel & Fabrication, to Pauline Deans of Sellafield and to David Briggs MBE.

If you would like more information, please contact the office on 01925 652320/576100

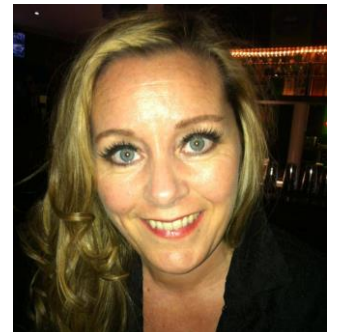
### **Additional services from Home-Start Warrington**



We are lucky enough to be able to offer 2 additional services to the families that we support. Jackie is our trained person centered counsellor who counsels three Home-Start families a week over a period of 6 weeks and more if deemed necessary. Childcare for these parents is provided by Sharon, one of our home

visiting volunteers. Families who have been offered this service have reported that they have benefitted greatly.

Andrew is our Mentor. He is currently supporting a Dad to attend the Offload Rugby programme based at The Halliwell Jones. Andy also volunteers his time, as he feels very passionate about supporting men's mental health. This programme is designed to enable men to use the same skills as the rugby players, to help them improve mental fitness and a better mindset. This again has been very well received and if you would like more information, please visit <https://wolvesfoundation.com/2018/02/10/offload-2/>



### **Curry night Fundraiser 27<sup>th</sup> February**

This was Helen's first fundraiser of the year! Held at the Cottage Indian restaurant, Warrington. The event was a great success, as people enjoyed the food and the ladies of Sirocco Academy of Egyptian dance provided the entertainment. A few brave guests joined in the dancing too! Many thanks to all who attended. With gift aid, we raised £700!!! Helen's next event will be a quiz, please support us. Follow us on Facebook HSWarrington to be kept up to date.



## Volunteer Support Group presentation and bunting making!

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, Eva Ross, assisted by Jackie Emmerson, delivered a presentation on Early Childhood Trauma, to the volunteers. Although it was a sensitive subject, the training was very well received with a few volunteers wanting more training in this area. After the event, Helen and the volunteers made bunting for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration events this year. If you would like more information on running a coffee morning or fundraising event, please contact us - there is plenty of bunting to hang up! 😊

## Boost

The last session of the current course ended on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This group was facilitated by Donna Hynes and Anne Livings of Warrington Wellbeing service. It is attended by various Mums that already have our support, and it is aimed at helping to improve mental wellbeing, confidence and raise self-esteem. The children are cared for in a Stay & Play group, run by St Margaret's church in the Smile Centre hall, and assisted by our volunteers.

For more information on this playgroup that runs every Thursday, term time, please call 01925 631937.



## Manchester Marathon April 2019



Our friends, Chris Griffiths and Joshua Bramhall are busy training for this mammoth event in April. They are raising funds for us too! The lads tell us, "Training has been a somewhat of a struggle through the dark, cold, winter months but given our natural athletic abilities\* (\*TBC) we're confident of getting ourselves round the course in a

respectable time, whilst most importantly raising money for a charity which is crucial to the wellbeing of many families throughout Warrington"

Dig deep please, running 26.2 miles doesn't just happen. Good luck guys!

<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/chrisjoshmanchestermarathon/>

## Donations

*Many thanks for all our donations! We are always grateful!*

The Volunteer donations since 1/4/18 - a massive **£1,039.33**

Other donations since our last Newsletter: -

- Lymm round table - £500 (Proceeds from Lymm Bonfire)
- Signed Warrington Wolves Shirt Auctioned -£100
- (Anonymous) Volunteer donation - £100



- Amazon Smile - £5.29
- Margaret Davidson - £250
- Anonymous donation - £100
- Warrington lions club - £250
- Lodge of lights - £100
- Curry night - £700 (including gift aid)
- Recycle 4 Charity - recycle printer cartridges - £1.00
- Local Giving - £27.76
- (Anonymous) family donation - £500
- BT My Donate - £12.35
- Wristband boxes - £27.51
- Burtonwood dinner dance & Barclays matched funding - £1732
- Easy fundraising - £145.42

## English Breakfast group

Our English Breakfast group continues to be a great success. Facilitated by Tara Shaikh, Family Support Co-ordinator and qualified teacher, the group runs in partnership with Meadowside Primary School in Longford. We have 8 Mums attending this group, who have been identified by the school. Topics covered include, basic vocabulary and how to include in sentence form. The use of tenses, questions and phonics.



## English Half Marathon

Once again, Home-Start is seeking runners to help us to fundraise at this year's event on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. The race is either a 10k or a half marathon. We have a few free places to provide if you or someone you know could raise us some money at this fantastic annual event, from the Town Hall gates in Warrington. We can also help you to set up your

own fundraising page and we will gladly promote you too. To get more info, call Steph on 01925 652320/576100

## Charity of the Year

Helen, our Fundraising and Event Co-ordinator, recently met with Andy & Frazer of Centralpoint building supplies, CBS, Gateway 49, Warrington. Thanks to Amanda Daniels, of Koogar Intergrated Marketing and Dianne Parrish, Business Connector of Cheshire Connect for making the link with this local company. They have now chosen us as their charity of the year! We look forward to working with them. Well done Helen!



## Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

To help us to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we would like our friends and supporters to host a coffee morning or fizz & cake event, to help us to fundraise. We can provide the bunting, carefully made by Helen & a group of home visit volunteers. We can also provide a raffle prize. Call us 01925 652320/576100

