

10 year anniversary ball raises bundles of cash

10 year anniversary special edition

This year The Nicola Corry Support Foundation celebrates being a registered charity for 10 years! On Saturday 23rd April 2016, we honoured this wonderful achievement with an Anniversary Ball at the Bristol Marriott Royal hotel. It was a truly magical evening that was intentionally meant as a thank you to everyone that has contributed to the charities success, but ended up being a huge fundraising triumph of an **outstanding £13,000!!**



A massive thank you to Claire, with her incredible organisational skills, delivered a faultless evening. Also thanks to Liz, George and Jenny for coordinating the amazing variety of prizes plus the rest of the NCSF committee for all their help.

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Mothers day munchies by the lake

On 6th March 2016, The Kelly girls held their annual Cream Tea at Tortworth Lake, which also happened to fall on Mothering Sunday!



Everyone brought their mums along to the stunning venue to walk around the lake and spoil them with a cuppa, cake and special gift of homemade fudge.

It was a glorious day and fun was had by all, a special thank you to Candie, Gem and Carole for all their help and everyone that donated yummy cakes. This all contributed to the success and an **awesome £1260** was raised!

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The ball was a complete sell out with 250 people attending! The evening started with an amazing speech from Nicola's sister Claire and Nicola's son Alfie, at the age of just 13 years old he spoke extremely well to such a large audience, we were all so proud – well done Alfie!!

The evening continued with a 3 course meal which was delicious and served impeccably by the Marriot's staff, this also included marvellous background music from Footlights Performance Academy Ltd.

During dessert, we were honoured to hear from James Maloney, whose wife is currently fighting her battle with cancer, they have a young daughter and NCSF have been able to help with their childcare needs. It was an extremely emotional speech and reminded us all of the struggles families face when coping with cancer and how important our charity is. A **massive thank you** to James for his beautiful words, it was tremendously brave for him to share his story.

Throughout the evening raffle ticket sales were being excellently monitored by Helen, there was a huge array of amazing prizes.

The dinner was followed by a live auction expertly delivered by Evan McPherson of East Bristol Auctions. A silent auction ran throughout the evening which hosted an enormous amount of items from stunning local art to luxurious trips away.



Basket & Banter provided a comical photo booth, with wild fancy dress to capture some extremely funny photos, which make a wonderful keepsake of the evening.

The event concluded with the hugely talented Daz performing live music, fun and games with everyone taking part in loads of dancing well into the night.

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect event to mark this remarkable achievement, thank you to everyone that made it possible & took part in the celebrations, here's to the next 10 years & more.....
"Nothing's going to stop us now"

More Fund Raising in 2016!

Pampering and Pimms at Wendys

Wendy Gunter held a 'Pamper & Pimms' party at her house on 9th June. Becky, a Clinique representative brought along a variety of cosmetics for Wendy and her guests to try and buy. A donation was given for each item sold and a raffle was held. Everyone had a really good time and a fantastic amount of **£70** was raised.



This is such a wonderful way to spend a sunny evening. You get to have a good catch up, pamper yourself with gorgeous products, have a little tippie or two and raise some money for charity at the same time.

Contact us at info@ncsf.org.uk if you would like to hold your own party. **Well done Wendy!**



Carole's Cream Teas



Carole held her yearly Cream Tea on Monday 18th July, which was a stunningly sunny day! There was a huge variety of yummy cakes and scrumptious scones which were devoured by a grateful group of friends. Fun was had by all and Carole raised a grand total of **£217!**

Well done Carole, we look forward to the next one. If you would like to host your own Cream Tea, contact us at info@ncsf.org.uk for some helpful tips and an 'easy scone' recipe.

Margaret's Marvellous Morning of Coffee, Cake & Chat

Nicola's Grandma, Margaret, one of our committee members and chief knitter, is also a member of the Henleaze Townswomen's Guild which is a group for women to get together, develop new skills, discuss topical issues and hold charity events. The Henleaze group have kindly chosen NCSF as their charity of the year in 2016. Margaret and other members of the guild held a coffee morning which was extremely well supported and they raised a huge amount of **£150 - Well done ladies**, we look forward to hearing about forthcoming events.



Cashing in as Charity of the year!

On Thursday 30th August, NCSF were presented with a cheque from Gordano Breakfast Rotary Club, who have been holding fund raising events over the past year on behalf of our charity. The club have delivered amazing events such as a Quiz Evening and Race Night. The presentation evening was held in the yurt at The White Hart Weston in Gordano and was an extremely entertaining evening in itself! NCSF would like to say a **MASSIVE thank you** to all at **GORDANO BREAKFAST ROTARY CLUB** for all of their hard work and presenting us with a cheque for an awesome amount of **£1200!**

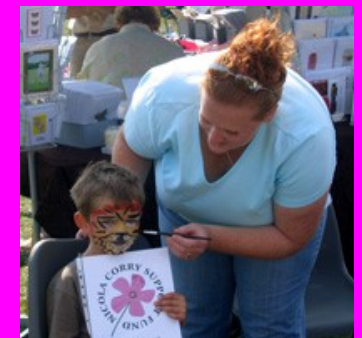
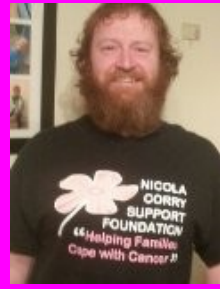


A look back over the past 10 years of NCSF...

We started the Nicola Corry Support fund to help Nicola in her fight with cancer. Although the NHS is remarkable there were a few things that were highlighted through Nicola's illness that were a struggle, especially when you have a small child, for example childcare costs. Nicola bravely fought for 2 years and the fund helped by holding fundraising events such as a Promise Auction, cream teas and more. We were able to help with childcare costs for Alfie and complimentary treatments. Sadly Nicola lost her battle in 2005, in 2006 it was decided to continue in Nicola's memory and help people in the same position, so The Nicola Corry Support Foundation became a registered charity.



We have come a long way in those 10 years and have learnt a lot, what works and what doesn't, it hasn't always been easy but we sure have had a lot of fun along the way. Our core strength comes from the dedication and pure brilliance of our trustees and committee members which comprises Nicola's family and friends. We also receive a huge amount of support from local committees, groups, companies and individuals wanting to help. We have delivered so many events from the sublime to the absolute ridiculous...such as Charity Balls, Cream Teas, Chariot races, Egg hunts, Music gigs and even 'Cow Dung parties'! All in all NCSF are going from strength to strength and have helped a huge amount of families coping with cancer, the following pictures take a look back at NCSF through the ages:





Upcoming events:



Swishing at Kingswood Village Hall - come along and swap 'good as new' unwanted items such as clothes, home ware and toys or just some along for a rummage and catch up over coffee and cake! On Saturday 1st October between 10.30am - 3pm.



Quiz and Curry Night at Old Bristolians Sports Club in Failand on Friday 7th November. Enter a team of up to 6 people and take part in an entertaining quiz with a delicious curry, raffle and prizes! Just £10 a ticket.



Christmas Craft Fayre at Henleaze United Reformed Church on Saturday 19th November from 2 - 6pm. Join us at our popular annual event, there will be gorgeous hand made gifts, Christmas decorations & cakes, chutneys and much more. Take your chance in the raffles and lucky dip or just relax with a beverage and scrummy homemade delights!

Where the money goes...

Over the past 10 years, NCSF have given over £150,000, our work is carried out through volunteers so we have very minimal admin costs and almost all of the money raised goes to our families.

We have helped over 200 families so far and intend to keep on going for many many years to come.

Please take time to read a hand full of Thank-yous we have received over the years:

Thank
YOU
so much
YOUR
Thoughtfulness
MEANS
A LOT

Dear Julie and NCSF team,
The first time it hit, it hurt us all,
We couldn't stand up, when we tried
we'd fall.
We needed some help, tender love and care,
And once you found out, for us you
were there.
You gave us support, and we are forever
grateful,
When we called, you would help and
you were never distasteful.
What we are trying to say is we
do love you so,
And we hope that our bond will
forever grow.

To,
Nicola Corry Support Foundation

Thank you for all the things you have done,
You have helped us quite a lot.
Because ~~we~~ didn't have you,
We would have lost the plot.
Your support is a great help to us,
and that we appreciate.
Thank you all so very much.
You are really great!
Thank you for all the joy,
That you ~~we~~ given our family.
Thank you for everything,
Now we are really happy.
But most of all just thank you,
For plainly being there.
You all are awesome.
To you there is no
compare.

😊 Poem By

thank
you

Dear Mary, Julie and
everyone at NCSF.
I can't thank you enough for
your extremely generous
Christmas gift of £200. I
could hardly believe it!
It will help go towards making
our Christmas with Beau a
happy one, which means a lot.
Thank you all so much.

**We were extremely privileged to
receive the following note from a
Welfare Officer at Macmillan;**

*"You are absolute life savers, our Team
here admire the work you do as this is a
niche specialism not covered by other
sources. It will mean the world of
difference to this family who have been
under exceptional pressures and will
greatly alleviate a lot of their
anxieties. Your award will have huge
beneficial impact. Again many thanks for
your kind consideration of our application".*

Dear All,

We would just like to say a great big
THANK YOU for the grant that you sent us
which enabled us to go to ThomasLand last
week. We had an absolute ball and the
children were beside themselves
with excitement. We have some fantastic
memories which will stay with us forever. I
have attached a few pictures to this email
which I am very happy for you to use if you
wish in any publicity.

Thank you again



Dear All at the Nicola Corry
Support Foundation,

We would just like to
say a massive thank-you for
the cheque you sent us this
week. We cannot wait
to see the children's faces
when we take them to
ThomasLand.

We would like to purchase
one of Ailie's Cuddles. Please
could you tell me how we
do this?

Thank you again,



Dear Mary and the Nicola Corry Support Foundation.

Thankyou all so much for helping towards the cost of my 2 year old son so that he is able to attend full time Pre-School. Cameron really loves it. I felt very sad that he had to attend full time due to my illness and treatment but he really loves it so this has taken the sadness away. my 5 year old son loves school and he is about to start seeing a play therapist weekly to help him at this difficult time. I am at present having Radiotherapy daily and waiting to see if this works. my last day for treatment is 30th Jan. Also I would like to thankyou for the £200 Christmas present you gave, it was lovely.



Dear Mary, the trustees, friends and family, supporters and fundraisers of NCSF,

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you (if I covered this whole page in 'thank yous' it wouldn't be enough). Things have continued to be really tough for the past 6 months; 18 months of 3

weekly cycles is taking its toll and the sadness I feel for being unable to care for the children is only made bearable by having help for a nanny who they absolutely adore and trust.

As my health is getting a bit worse, my mums leukaemia is too and my husband has just been off work for 3 months with migraines (from the stress) and now made redundant. But all this is nothing to the devastation we are feeling at news last week that our oldest and dearest friend who was diagnosed 1 week after me, now has secondary tumours throughout and not long to live, she has an 18 month old daughter.

Reading what you all went through with Nicola and the beautiful generosity, caring, strength and community that you have all created from the very saddest of times fills me with gratitude and admiration. You are very special people.



Many many thanks for your generous support to our family. We have just returned from a respite break with family in the U.S. It was a wonderful time, and met our aims very well. It could not have been possible without your support.

NCSF CANNOT THANK EVERYONE ENOUGH FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND CONTINUED SUPPORT – WE CANNOT DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOU!!

How you can get involved.....



Keep an eye out for events on our website www.ncsf.org.uk and on our facebook page www.facebook.com/Nicola-Corry-Support-Foundation and come and join us!



Share your creative skills with us i.e. knitting, sewing, chutney making and baking



Host your own event: cream tea, bake off, music gig etc.



Donate a raffle prize



Use our charity for sporting events and challenges such as marathons, walks, sky diving etc.



Choose NCSF as your charity of the year

Email us at info@ncsf.org.uk for further information and to request a fundraising pack



Join our lucky balls competition for just £5 a month and be in with a chance of winning up to £300 each game!
The competition runs throughout the year, visit www.ncsf.org.uk/lucky_balls for further information!



Come along and support NCSF United (Pink Panthers) who play on a Saturday, on Clifton Downs, you can't miss them in their bright pink shirts!
Or you can follow them online; match reports by Colin Dawe.



Costs nothing! **PLEASE** sign up at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk.

It's now even easier! TheGivingMachine have now launched a clever little app for IOS products. When you visit the site using your ipad or iphone you'll be given simple instructions on how to download it in one click.

An average 'Active' Giver generates between £30 and £50 per year when they shop online at their favourite stores, AT NO EXTRA COST!!

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