

HRH supports NCSF



Like all charities, the current financial situation has impacted upon NCSF fundraising. Also this has coincided with increasing demands on the charity to help individuals suffering from cancer, the fundraising team have approached a number of Charitable Trusts for financial assistance to boost the Charity's funds.

Initial results have been excellent and NCSF is proud to announce that HRH Prince of Wales Duke of Cornwall was the first to respond by generously offering financial support in the form of funding childcare for a family in Cornwall where a parent is undergoing

Cycling for Cash.....

The Nicola Corry Support Foundation launch the first of many 'FIT Challenges'

Hazel Fulker, a friend of the NCSF, organised a fundraising event on 2nd April 2011. The challenge set was a 50 mile round trip cycle ride from Portishead open air swimming pool to Chepstow Castle and back!

30 cyclist's, a range of NCSF members and friends, successfully completed the challenge, raising in the region of a massive £3,000.

Even though the challenge was tough, it was a great day had by all. Well done to everyone involved for this fantastic achievement.

The next FIT Challenge is due to take place this summer, please look on our website for further details and get involved.....



'Helping Parents Cope with Cancer'

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Making a difference...

.....your support and fund raising enables us to offer grants to families coping with cancer, this makes a huge difference for people going through this extremely hard battle. Please read below the letters of thanks for our funding and stories of their very own fund raising success.....

We received a letter from Nick who wrote;

"Firstly, many many thanks for approving the grant application for Theo to attend Mama Bears Nursery. It was a very pleasant surprise to receive such mail! It really will be invaluable, until I feel that we are both settled enough for me to return to work, only part time. I am thinking that September will be a good time as Theo will then qualify for his government grant for nursery care.



Nick, Faye and Theo



Theo

Regrettably, since I submitted the application, my wife, Theo's Mum, passed away from her liver cancer. She was peaceful and we have just had a beautiful service in her memory. To date Theo is doing very well and quite accepting of the explanations I am providing.

We felt it was important for Theo to start nursery when it was clear that Faye was becoming more poorly, hence he has already attended for a couple of months. He seems to be settling in well, as he has been able to spend most of his life so far with his Mum and Dad around most of the time. I have been told a number of times when picking him up from nursery what an infectious laugh he has. One little story is that he was laughing so hard at one of the staff fooling around that he fell off his chair!"

Our hearts go out to Nick and Theo at this hard time.



Andrea, with her husband and daughters, Ellen and Sophie.

Andrea wrote to us;

"Thank you for the funding you very kindly gave for Ellen and Sophie to attend nursery for an extra day during my treatment for breast cancer. It certainly made things a lot easier for my husband and I. Please also find enclosed a cheque for £XXX that was raised through a Strawberry Tea Party".

Thank you again
Mrs Andrea Blaney
x

It is always nice that a family that we have helped does some fundraising for us. The Jefferies family in Swanage is doing just that. Dave decided that he had had enough of barbers and decided to grow his hair and beard - for one year!.

He has set up a Facebook page called "Bad Hair Day" and a Just-Giving page "Bad Hair Day".

At Dave's 40th birthday party they raised £100 by having a "add the caption" to pictures of Dave when he was younger.

They intend to have further fundraising activities later in the year - NCSF really appreciates help like this, as it can be hard work amongst ourselves, raising the funds we need to help all the families that apply to us.



Dave and Hazel

Fundraising in 2011

Wet Wet Wet

“Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now” (NCSF theme tune)

Bradley Stoke 10k Run



In spite of the torrential rain, the Bradley Stoke runners braved the elements and ran 10k in June 2011. The funds raised were very much appreciated by NCSF who were also there to marshal the event. Many thanks to all those who participated.

5 Year Anniversary celebrations

On Friday 10 June last year on a very very wet night we set off from the docks for a River Cruise to celebrate 5 years of the Nicola Corry Support Foundation. Not put off by the weather (well we know how much our supporters love a challenge!) the night was put on as a Thank You to our supporters who have been there since the start.

An American Supper theme meant that there was lots of lovely food and drinks and although there was no sitting out on deck staring at the starts a great night was had by all.

Claire Bullock, the Chair gave a moving speech about all that had been achieved by the charity to support young parents coping with cancer and a rendition of Starships “Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now” played us back into port as we started to plan the next five years!

Crazy Cream Teas



Undeterred by even more rain during Summer 2011, a number of ‘Crazy Cream Teas’ were held. The wettest of all was held at Carole’s home and due to the rain everyone had to stay inside and admire the beautiful garden through the conservatory windows! A big thanks to all including Lindsay, Kath, Mary, Sarah for the events they hosted. **We aim to make this a regular fund-raising event**



Other fundraising events held during 2011

Ladies Night at Trinity School, Portishead

We were very grateful to have been invited as a Charity to the Ladies Night in November 2011. As well as creating awareness for NCSF, all stall holders donated raffle prizes and the proceeds of the raffle were donated to us. £200 was raised and this enabled the Charity to support a family with a week’s childcare.

Christmas Craft Fayres

A number of Craft Fayres were held and proved to be very lucrative. The craft group meet on a regular basis and the goods for sale are an accumulation of their efforts throughout the year. Many popular items were a sell out—so they will be busy again in 2012!

Swishing



them for something that someone else has donated. It’s a great way to rejuvenate your wardrobe without spending too much. Everyone had a lovely day and raised over £400 for NCSF.

We had swishing in one room, second hand books in another and refreshments in the kitchen. There was an entry fee of £4 which included a drink and a piece of cake. Friends arrived from 2pm onwards and at 6pm we opened wine for late arrivals and carried on swishing until 11pm!

This was a really enjoyable event; a great way to get together with friends and raise money for NCSF.

Thanks also to Sara and Rose who also hosted a ‘Swishing’ event, which was a great success.

Further ‘Swishing’ date for your diary—Friday 30th March at Jenny’s—see website for more information.

The NCSF introduce the new craze of “Swishing”

In May last year Jenny hosted a Swishing event, this is where you bring your unwanted clothes and accessories and swap

Thank You.....to everyone that has helped us in 2011

**NCSF
UNITED**



Possibly uniquely the Nicola Corry Support Foundation has sponsored a football team taking part in the Bristol Downs League. The charity's name can now be seen in very bright pink football kit taking part in one of the largest football leagues in the country.

For less than the cost of a one-off advert in a local paper we can get our name weekly in front of hundreds people who are our target age group for charity awareness. It also gives us free publicity on the BBC Sports website and coverage in local papers.

**See our website for fixtures—
come up and support the team !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Ken's Kick Off—The NCSF Pontoon

NCSF run a Football Pontoon for 8 months from September until April, in the summer this is replaced by a Lucky Numbers draw. The cost to join is £60 per year or £5 per month - this gives you a chance to win some money and contribute to a worthwhile charity. 50% of the income goes to the charity the rest to prize money. The more members we get the bigger the prize money!



How Can you help out?.....

- By sharing your creative skills with us. e.g. knitting, sewing, cooking, jewellery.**
- By Placing an order for charity Christmas cards, or charity merchandise.**
- By joining the football pontoon. Only a fiver a month!**
- Use our charity for your sporting events e.g. half marathon. 10k Runs , cycle rides etc**
- Donate a raffle price.**

Or, there are many other ways in which you can help. If you would like to help, or to find out more information please complete this form and return to 3 Somerset Close, Kingswood, Wotton Under Edge, GL12 8RQ or email info@ncsf.org.uk

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