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Tackling Coronavirus in Our Local Communities

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, the HIWCF team has been working incredibly hard to ensure grants reach the charities, voluntary organisations and community groups helping vulnerable local people whose lives have been so disrupted by the crisis. Initially our plan was to raise £500K through our 'We're All Together' fund but in the past ten weeks and through the support of our incredible donors and partners such as the National Emergency Trust, Vivid Housing, Hampshire County Council and the NHS, HIWCF has raised a staggering £1.4 million. This funding is going directly to help vital community services and bring immediate care and support to those most in need across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. So far, with the assistance of our partners, we have awarded 141 emergency grants totalling £794,000 to provide essential food and medicine to those who are self-isolating, enable befriending and counselling to take place safely online and to help alleviate pressure on the NHS. We have seen from the number of groups applying to us for funding that the need is immense and our work will continue through our 'We're All Together' Fund as we focus on helping our local communities to recover from this crisis and to become stronger and more resilient in the future.



We are sharing these stories with you so you can see how your incredible support has helped our local communities to pull together at this difficult time. Thank you.

Grant Cornwell MBE, Chief Executive, HIWCF



Naomi House and Jacksplace Hospices provide respite, emergency and end of life care to some of the most medically vulnerable children and young adults across South England. The organisation makes it possible for families to make precious final memories with their child, and take their time to say goodbye. An HIWCF grant of £5,000 meant that when respite services had to be temporarily suspended, the hospice was able to continue providing

families with counselling, play therapy, sibling and peer support via telephone and online meetings. During the peak of the crisis, Jacksplace, a state-of-the-art, young adults' hospice was able to accept adult patients from local hospitals, who were fit for discharge but in need of additional care, helping to relieve the pressure on the NHS at this extremely difficult time.





Scotty's Little Soldiers provides long-term emotional, developmental and educational support to bereaved British forces children and young people, and a grant of £2,600 is supporting 26 children based in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight during the coronavirus crisis. The negative experiences of parental loss, PTSD, financial hardship, educational and familial displacement and young carer responsibilities are an immense challenge for young people. Scotty's puts smiles back on brave faces by building both self-confidence and relationships through exciting virtual events which encourage members to join in, to ensure that they are not left alone at a time when their normal routines have come to a halt. The charity has also increased the level of emotional support to families coping with additional pressures brought about by the crisis, while helping to support good academic attainment for better future life chances, and celebrating important occasions with birthday and Christmas presents and remembering and sharing in the anniversary of a parent's death.



Havant & East Hampshire MIND works with extremely vulnerable families that have significant mental health issues to contend with, often alongside other major problems such as poor or crowded accommodation and problems with debt. Due to the closure of support services disadvantaged families are facing even greater pressures, leaving them much more vulnerable. Hannah, (pictured), contacts and visits families regularly to offer support, and during the crisis these visits have been replaced with video meetings. A grant of £8,000 has enabled MIND to establish a crisis fund to provide household items for vulnerable and at risk families to help them survive the impact of lockdown, improving emotional wellbeing and reducing the risk of harm and abuse within families.



"We would like to thank HIWCF for releasing the award so quickly, as the needs are urgent. The funding will help pay for essential services and help to relieve the additional pressures and financial hardship that the most vulnerable families within our community are facing." **Maria Morrell, Deputy CEO, Mind**

With their grant of £4,000, **Daisy Chains Isle of Wight** is delivering care packages of basic food and household essentials as well as parcels for babies that contain nappies, formula and wipes. The group is working with schools, Community Nurses, Barnardo's and the food bank to help Island families that have been most severely affected by the crisis.



"Our aim is to ensure that no child goes hungry due to COVID 19 related poverty and we are supporting those families that have been unable to work or furloughed, those who are self-employed and unable to access any support, children who normally have free school meals and those families with disabled or poorly children that are shielding and unable to get to the shops for essential supplies. In the past week alone we have delivered just under £1000 worth of food parcels and with this grant we can now cover the next 4/5 weeks of deliveries and hopefully help people through this tough time. Thank you so much for supporting us and helping us make a difference." **Mandy Fuller, Fundraising Manager, Daisy Chains IW**

Youth In Romsey received their grant of £1,137 within two days of applying to HIWCF for funding, to enable confidential counselling to continue across the Test Valley.

"Thanks to the grant we were able to purchase IT and phone equipment enabling us to be able to work from home, providing counselling, one-to-one support and help with school homework to a large number of young people. Having these resources has enabled us to keep our waiting lists to manageable levels and provide support on a timely basis. It has truly made a difference to our organisation, thank you."

Linda Bate, Development Manager, Youth In Romsey



You can hear a little more about this grant in this one minute video, thanks to Ella, a social worker at Youth In Romsey <https://youtu.be/IEwK7Ast7bo>

The Good Mental Health Cooperative has launched an online programme of wellbeing and creative workshops with their grant of £4,200, to help people to build their emotional and mental resilience to the challenges of social distancing, self-isolation, job and income insecurity, domestic abuse and bereavement. The online hub offers workshops and e-courses covering mental health awareness, creative activities, confidence building and personal development, a buddy system for mutual support, interactive live classes, and podcasts and discussion forums, focusing on accessibility for people with sensory disabilities.



Communities First Wessex is supporting vulnerable residents and groups across Hampshire from the Leigh Park Community Centre, thanks to a grant of £20,000, which is enabling 775 volunteers to work with existing organisations including Good Neighbours, Mutual Aid groups and foodbanks to provide food and medicine to those in need. Volunteers are shopping for residents in East Hampshire, Fareham, Havant, New Forest and Winchester, including for those recently discharged from hospital following treatment for serious illnesses such as cancer and COPD. Cash floats and pre-paid supermarket cards mean that food can be purchased easily, while minibus drivers are reaching those in rural communities and also swiftly restocking foodbanks. Community kitchens are providing and delivering hot meals for those self-isolating and shielding safely at home.



Awaaz FM serves the BAME community, with volunteers broadcasting in nine different languages to make people aware of the latest news and developments in local communities. A grant of £500 means that a volunteer at Awaaz can produce and broadcast Covid-19 radio shows to ensure the important messages such as staying safe at home during lockdown and keeping a social distance of two metres reaches local communities, while the programme also offers practical advice on other coronavirus related issues, such as how to deal with bereavement and loss.



During the crisis, many families with young deaf children have been left feeling ever more isolated from the specialist early education they need and deserve. A grant of £5,263 to the **Elizabeth Foundation in Portsmouth** means that families with young deaf children will receive online learning resources and confidential support via email, skype and telephone, helping them to learn how to listen and talk, meaning they can be school-ready and able to learn in the classroom alongside their hearing peers when the time comes.



Jacob Wells Care Centre has received a grant of £4,600 for their emergency food response, delivering approximately 80 parcels each week to vulnerable residents across Gosport.

"A huge thank you to HIWCF and VIVID Homes for providing us with a grant from the We're All Together Fund. This is a boost to us all at this hard time and has enabled us to buy two industrial freezers and a fridge to help us to store the food safely, plus we are now able to extend our original food area to prepare the parcels for delivery, which will be ready for our phase one opening on the 1st of June. We are so very grateful for this help it has already made a massive difference in providing the local community with food at this time."
Stuart Pottinger, Founder, Jacobs Well Care Centre



Brendoncare Club Hampshire helps to prevent loneliness by providing companionship and shared activities for older people, but the heart-breaking decision to suspend clubs has left many members alone and frightened. A grant of £5,000 has enabled Brendoncare staff and volunteers to contact members by phone and letter, to check if they need any groceries, essential supplies or help with any issues, and to offer advice to members on how to get online to engage in club video activities and provide tablets where needed.

"I really appreciate your calls, it has become an important part of keeping me going. Thank you!" **Brendoncare Club Member**

The **'We're All Together'** Campaign continues to raise funds to help disadvantaged people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. If you would like to help us to tackle the impact of coronavirus in our local communities, please call HIWCF on **01962 798700** or donate online via **virginmoneygiving.com/fund/AllTogether**. Thank you for your support.

