



Parents' Association for
Seriously Ill Children

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Impact Report 2013

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 506778

Our Vision

To make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people who are receiving treatment for leukaemia, brain tumours and other associated cancers at Nottingham's University Hospital, their family and carers

Our Mission

To give families and children the means to build support networks, reduce isolation and offer financial assistance when parents are experiencing difficulties

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Welcome to our Impact Report for 2013, designed to highlight and celebrate the successes of the Parents' Association for Seriously Ill Children in 2013.

The objectives of our charity are to provide practical, financial and social support to children and young people with cancer, their parents and carers at Nottingham's University Hospital.

I am delighted to be able to say that we have met those objectives last year by investing our time in growing our activity programme and one to one support and by continuing to support families with our hardship fund.

This Impact Report aims to tell you about how we have met those objectives in more detail. None of which would be possible without our supporters. We are very proud to have received support from our local businesses, communities and individuals and this support has not only helped us to raise the funds needed to continue our invaluable work but has also helped us to raise awareness of the work we do and of childhood cancer.

I hope that you will find this report helpful and informative.

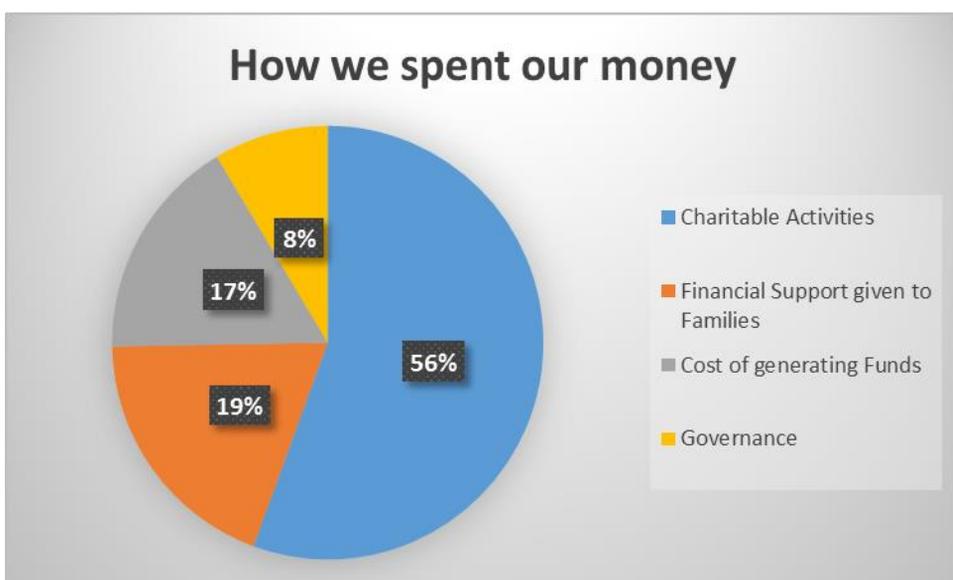
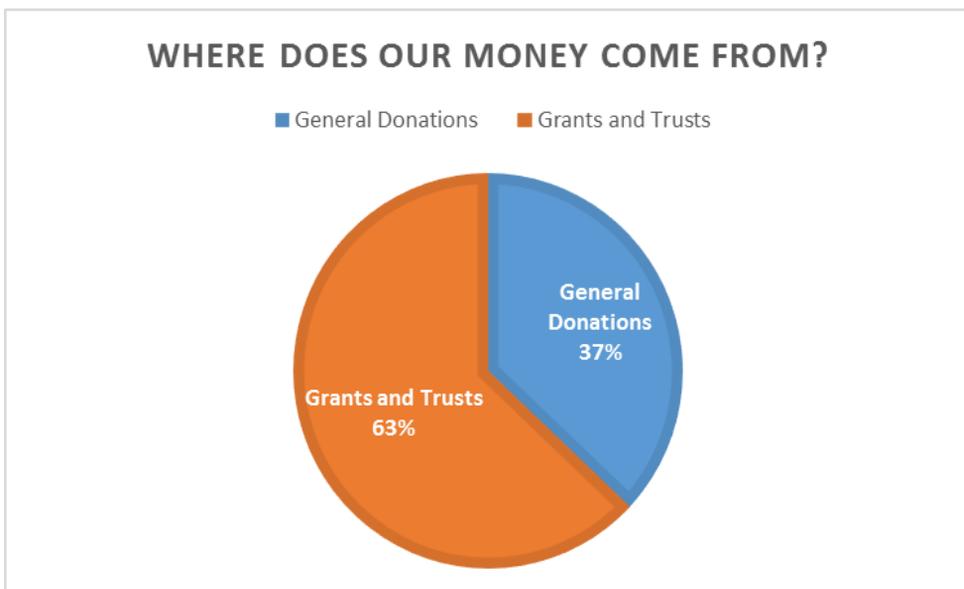
Yours sincerely
Samantha Spencer
PASIC Manager/Coordinator



What we raised in 2013

PASIC fundraise throughout the year from a variety of sources in order to carry out our aims to support children, young people and their families.

We rely on the support from our local communities to help us raise the funds needed to continue our programme of activities and continue offering financial and emotional support to families in their greatest time of need.



Objective 1

Deliver Practical and Emotional Support to Parents

What we did

PASIC were instrumental in setting up a parent support group alongside CLIC Sargent. These monthly support groups are open to all parents of children and young people at any stage of treatment. They are held once a month at Billy's House opposite the QMC. We feel the group is essential in order to offer parents the opportunity to talk in a safe and confidential environment. The group helps them to build important support networks with other parents in a similar situation.

Our support worker – Sam, also provides support at hospital by attending clinics on Monday and Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning. This gives the opportunity to offer one to one support to parents and interaction with the children and young people.

Our support worker is on hand to visit parents in hospital when requested for further support, both practical and emotional. We have helped to facilitate holidays for families on treatment. Organise equipment such as; wet suits so children can still go swimming or holidays

Parents had this to say

'Sam is always around with a friendly face on clinics'

'The Support Group sessions with Sam and Val are a great opportunity to meet and chat with those who have experienced similar predicaments to ourselves, to share the good and bad things that we have learnt over the years, and hopefully to support those who are still encountering the same issues that we went through during three years of chemotherapy treatment. It's a friendly and light hearted group seeking to support one another and the coffee/cakes/biscuits are always a great addition!'



Objective 2

Hardship Fund – PASIC aim to relieve financial difficulties experienced by families as a result of caring for a seriously ill child. PASIC grant up to £200 towards living costs/equipment and £400 for a bereavement grant – to help towards funeral costs. We accept grant requests directly from our members and also receive requests for help via CLIC Sargent social workers based at Nottingham Children’s Hospital and Leicester Royal.

What we did;

In 2013 we helped 41 families with grants totalling £11,300. The majority of requests included help toward funeral costs and travel expenses to help with petrol costs going to hospital for appointments and treatments. We also helped families with assistance towards bills and equipment which included white goods and in the Other section our grants went towards; proton beam therapy, clothing and hospital living expenses



Objective 3 Social Support

Aim: To deliver a programme of events and days out to help improve the wellbeing of children and parents. Our activities are organised to help families enjoy a day out together, allow them to build and maintain support networks with other families in a similar situation. And allow children to forget about their illness for a few hours and enjoy a break away from hospital.

What we did:

In 2013 we organised a programme of activities and invited our members to join us. One of our aims is to invite the whole family to our events, we don't just concentrate on the child who is ill but the whole family unit. The attendees below will include siblings so the whole family can enjoy a day out together.

Families had this to say:

'It's a chance to meet other people with similar problems and also chance to catch-up with old friends'

'We can look back and see how far we have come as a family. Without the support and help from PASIC, we would be lost'

'We get to see other families at events and we can make memories for our family'

Activity	How many families and children attended
Teenage Activity A day out at Adrenalin Jungle	35 teenagers and young people
PASIC Easter Party	39 Families 93 Children & young people
Day trip to Butlins	36 Families 181 Children & young people
Drayton Manor Park Trip	72 Families 348 Children & Young people
Pantomime Trip Nottingham Playhouse	49 Families 117 Children & young people
PASIC Christmas Party	48 Families 226 Children & young people

We couldn't have done it without you...

THANK YOU!

Children in Need
The Lewis Mighty Fund
Nottingham Hospital Charity
Lloyds TSB
Dove Trust
Jane Speechley
Dunn Family Charitable Trust
Sheila Warhurst & The Ladies of
Eastwood Ladies Auxilary
Quarrydale Academy
Asda Hyson Green
Asda Sutton in Ashfield
Asda Mansfield
Ann Hogan
David & Christine Westmoreland
Westdale Infant School
St James's Place Foundation
Pulse Associates LTD
Nick Bramley & Mapperley Golf
Club
Mary-Ann Smedley
Siam House
Keith Mole & Severn Trent
Costain
Stagecoach Theatre Club
Joanne Brennan
Nottingham Building Society
Hedley Foundation
Hucknall Round Table
Rotary Club of Carlton
Rotary Club of Trent Bridge
Everyone Active at Lammas
Leisure Centre
Rachel Ellen Designs
Annie & Sam Statham
Val Rose
Wayne & Rowan Luck
New Appeals Organisation
Alex Tremallan & Team
Steph Allesbrook
MacMillan
Mick Turner
James Billington & the legal
team
at EON

Andy Whitt
Rick Ainsworth & the British
Gas North & East Sales Team
Shaun Buckley
Nicola Harrison
Judith Smith
Lorraine Cooper
Futures Housing Group
Stephen Kerry
Capers of Mapperley
Western Cars
Derwent Cottage Day Nursery
Long Easton Masonic
Benevolent Foundation
Priory Clectic Juniors Football
Club
Martin Jones
Neil McCarthy
Tesco Homestore Plus
**And a huge THANK YOU to all our
volunteers who have been
invaluable throughout the year!**
Jo, Conrad, Freya, Aaron & Megan
Walker
Heidi Bucknall
Lorraine, Rachel, David, Jemma &
Claire Scattergood
Kathryn Tuddenham
Jackie Bucknall
Rebecca Slater
Anoushka Aikins
Charlotte Haywood
Mandy Sims
Margaret Parr
Suzy & Tom Leach
Lucy Williams
Lisa Bramhall
Derek Ringer
Steve Pike
Colin Lane
Dawn Booth
Jill Thorpe



What's coming up

We will continue to develop throughout 2014

We will continue to provide support to families at hospital, extending our reach to more families at hospital and through our parent support group

We aim to deliver real and relevant impact to parents, young people and children whose lives have been affected by childhood cancer and to expand our programmes to reach a greater number of families.

To improve our profile and visibility and build our brand as a respected support charity. By partnering with more businesses and community groups we hope to raise our profile within our local communities, to help people understand the difficulties faced by families whose lives have been impacted by cancer and to gain further support

To increase our income streams and funding in a cost-effective way to at least £100k in order to help extend our activity programme

To guarantee continued sustainability through effective partnerships and collaborations and to focus on nurturing and building relationships by acknowledging and reporting on the impact of this support.

How you can help

To be able to offer the services that we do, and to continue supporting children, young people and their families who are desperately in need of our help, we require sustained funding and ongoing financial support. We, and the families that we support are incredibly grateful for the generous support that we continue to receive, but unfortunately, there is always a need for more!

A final note from our Coordinator...

I spend time every week with families who are living with the devastating diagnosis of their child having cancer and they all have to live with the fear of losing their child to this terrible disease – families lives change tremendously, with parents having to give up work to care for their child, children separated from their siblings, family and friends and the worry of living with a life threatening illness. That is why your support is so important. With your help we can reach more families experiencing this most difficult of situations. Every single donation really does make a difference. Please continue to support our charity - together we are a lifeline for these families.

Thank you.

Samantha

