



Trustees Newsletter

Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children

I am very pleased to be able to report on the work of the Archbishop of Wales Fund for children during 2011.

As with most Charities the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children is working through very difficult economic times. In spite of this the parishioners from parishes across the whole of the Province have continued to be a generous people and to support the Fund in its ambition to help children in need.

During 2011 the Trustees received a significant legacy of £29K which boosted total income to over £69K. Without this one off legacy donations to the fund were up slightly on 2010 at £37K (£36K in 2010) The Trustees considered 45 applications and awarded grants to 22 projects. More information about some of these is given later in the newsletter.

On behalf of the Archbishop, the Trustees and particularly the children who have benefitted in so many ways from the wonderful support given to the Fund an enormous **THANK YOU**. This important ministry in the name of Jesus is made possible by **YOUR** very generous support.

J Michael Williams
Chairman



Projects

A full list of the projects supported during 2011 can be found on the website at www.churchinwales.org.uk.

We have chosen a sample of the many projects supported so that you our valued donators have some idea of the breadth of support given across Wales.

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff

(covering the geographic area of the Dioceses of Llandaff and Monmouth and parts of Swansea and Brecon).

Over the next 3 years the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff will be spending over £60k to support the development of a parent support project.

The programme aims to help and advise young parents during difficult times to support them in their relationships with their children thereby giving children a good childhood. The Trustees were delighted to help support this project with a grant of £5000.



Llandaff Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility – LLantwit Major

A grant of £2050 was awarded to help pay for new equipment for St. Illtyd's Day Nursery at Llantwit Major.

The Nursery works in partnership with Cardiff County Council and Action for Children to provide assisted places for young children who would not otherwise benefit from attendance at nursery.

Contact Centres

2011 saw the fund continuing to support a number of family contact centres including:

Merthyr Tydfil - £1000 Ebbw Vale - £2000 Brecon - £2000

These centres provide places of safety where children can meet with their parents or grandparents whom they otherwise would not be able to see because of family break ups. The grant awarded to Brecon was given to support the opening of a new contact centre in Abergavenny.



The Lab Youth Church (Newport)

The Lab Youth Church based in Newport and begun in September 2006 goes from strength to strength.

In 2011 a grant of £8000 was given to fund two volunteers to work as Community School Workers at Hartridge High School and Alway Primary School. The total cost of the project was £18500 and the Trustees awarded the grant to be paid in two instalments of £4000 (one in 2011 and one in 2012).



Tyfu Gyda'n Gilydd. Growing Together (Bangor)

Following on from the successes of St.Mary's Church Dolgellau and the Diocese of Bangor with Tyfu Gyda'n Gilydd and Dyffryn Ardudwy the Trustees awarded a further grant of £4500 to help set up a new parents group to meet in the Church Hall at Penrhyndeudraeth.

Health Visitor services are part of the package as well as a 'Pram Service' once a month.

Cylch Meithrin Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant

A small grant of only £120 was awarded to this Nursery to provide much needed support for a young child with additional needs.

The grant although small will purchase talking books and specialist toys thereby ensuring that the child has equal access to learning opportunities.

Moelfre Art and Play (Anglesey)

This group was established in 2001 and provides an annual Easter activity programme.

The Trustees were once again very pleased to be able to support the work by providing a grant of £1265 to be used to facilitate this very well attended programme for art and play.

Dwylo Bach Pre School (Llandaff)

Dwylo Bach is a pre-school facility based at Dowlais Infant School in Merthyr Tydfil.

The Trustees awarded a small grant of £300 to help purchase specialist equipment to support the development needs of children who have additional needs including speech and language difficulties and children who are on the autistic spectrum.

St. Madoc Christina Youth Camp (Swansea and Brecon)

Based in Llanmadoc in Swansea the centre offers opportunities for over 1800 young people each year to experience a youth camp.

Young people from schools predominantly in the inner city area of Swansea are able to experience life beyond the classroom whatever their age, ability and circumstance. The grant of £2410 was awarded to support the St Madoc bursary scheme to support young people whose parents are not in a position to afford such extra-curricular activities.

Publicity and Boxes

If you require advertising material to support fund raising please contact Gemma Brookman at the Representative Body of the Church in Wales on 02920 348235 or email gemmabrookman@churchinwales.org.uk.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK Taxpayer you could gift aid your donation and the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children will be able to claim the tax back from HMRC.

In 2009 the tax reclaims were £1718 and in 2010 £1048.

Vale People First (Barry)

This is a small local charity supporting young people and children with learning disabilities to develop their skills and confidence to be able to speak for themselves and make their own decisions.

The project has grown and with the needs of children in different age groups becoming more apparent a grant of £2000 was awarded to help towards the cost of running two groups in place of one.

Arts Groups

Ffin Dance of Abertillery had a grant of £1355 to help pay for dance tutors and volunteer expenses to allow children and young people from socially deprived areas to participate in dance and to take part in community events.

Showcase Sioegerdd Performing Arts is a performing arts organisation based in Aberdare with 80 youth members and run by volunteers who support the young people in performing in plays and drama activities. A grant of £2000 was awarded as a contribution towards the overall running costs of over £20k per annum including rental of premises, cost of scenery and copyright costs.

Trinity Child and Family Centre

(Jack and Jill's Playgroup - Llandaff)

This Child and Family Centre provides much needed early years development for pre-school children in Aberfan.

The group is open for five sessions per week and is able to accommodate 16 children some of whom would never be able to experience such opportunities because of the prohibitive cost. The Trustees awarded a grant of £2340 so that the Centre could remain open as this is the cost of the rent for 12 months.

Play Montgomeryshire

A play network running for over 30 years in the Montgomeryshire area with Toy Libraries serving over 200 children mostly in rurally isolated areas.

A grant of £1000 was awarded to help support the purchase of play resources.

From this sample of projects the Trustees hope you agree that the money you have so generously given has been used wisely to support children and their families across Wales who are in need.

Please continue to give to the Fund to enable us to help needy children in Wales, in the name of Jesus.

