



THE ARCHBISHOP OF WALES
FUND FOR CHILDREN

Trustees Newsletter

Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children

I am very pleased to report on the work of the Archbishop of Wales Fund for Children during 2013.

Congregations from parishes across Wales have continued in their fundraising efforts to support the work of this charity. 2013 saw these crucially important donations increase on 2012 with almost £33k being received as donations throughout the year. Many congratulations and grateful thanks are extended by the Archbishop, the Trustees and more particularly from the children and families who benefit from the huge support that has been given.

The Trustees received and considered 54 applications from a wide range of children's projects, including large charities such as Barnardos, children's contact centres, local children's groups and parish initiatives.

This very important ministry for children and young people in the name of Jesus is made possible through your efforts and support.

Thank you

J Michael Williams
Chairman

2013 Projects

We have chosen a sample of the many projects supported so that our valued donors have some idea of the breadth of support given to children's groups and children's work across Wales.

Children's and Family Contact Centres

During 2013 £3580 was given in small grants to a number of centres.

These centres provide support for children to be able to spend time with parents and grandparents who they are unable to live with. Sometimes this is due to family break-up.

The centres which benefitted during 2013 are:-

Aberdare, Merthyr Tydfil & Pontypridd - Llandaff

Tumble Family Centre - St Davids

Ebbw Vale – Monmouth

YMCA

Two YMCA projects in Newgale (St Davids) and Rhayader (Swansea and Brecon) also received grants of £1810 and £1500 respectively.

The grant for Newgale YMCA was specifically awarded to support the Pembrokeshire Sibling Group. This group works with children and young people between the ages of 7 and 18 who live with disabled, special needs or chronically ill siblings. The group supports these children and young people by offering respite for their siblings and to provide workshops and opportunities to help them tackle everyday problems. This crucial work had previously been paid for from local authority funding and without the support of AWFC the group would not have been able to do as much for this group of children and young people.

The YMCA at Rhayader has developed a project to contribute to the education and employability of rurally isolated and disadvantaged young people. The grant was awarded as a contribution to the cost of training Youth Workers by giving them qualifications which could lead to future employment opportunities with YMCA.

Parish and Diocesan Projects

A sample of parish Projects:

The Parish of Ely in Llandaff – £1075

Making Music Changing Lives. An inspiring project that has received national coverage whereby in partnership with the University of Wales College of Music and Drama the Parish of Ely is supporting children and young people who otherwise would not have opportunities for a musical education.

St Catherine's Church, Pontypridd – £4004

A grant of £4004 was awarded to support the parish in maintaining its existing toddler and parent/carer sessions and to make similar provision in the Glyncoch area of the parish. The session (3 per week in Pontypridd and 3 in Glyncoch) are free of charge to ensure that toddlers from low income families can benefit. It also benefits parents and carers by providing support to assist them with their caring responsibilities.

The Lab Project, Newport – £1500

The Lab, based in Newport, has been working on the Duffryn Estate – a socially and economically deprived area. A grant of £1500 was awarded to support its latest initiative to connect parents and babies with the church community through the newly launched Duffryn Breastfeeding Group. The money is being used to provide suitable accommodation for one year, toys and equipment.

Llandaff Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility – £2250

The well established Western Vale Integrated Children's Centre, which is part of the Llandaff Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility, was awarded a grant of £2250 to help towards the cost of providing suitable accommodation and equipment for the children and families that use the centre.

Children and Family Centre, Bro Ardudwy Parish – £1580

A grant of £1580 was awarded to provide much needed facilities to enable the parish to establish a Family Centre at the heart of this ministry area. Stretching from Talsarnau and Harlech in the north to Talybont near Barmouth, the Family Centre will provide a hub for delivering a range of activities including After School Club, Messy Church, Parenting Courses, Craft Club and a Youth Club.

North Wales Superkids, Flint, St Asaph Diocese

A voluntary, non-profit group founded in 1999 which has a total of 4 projects operating in the area. A grant of £1000 was awarded as a contribution towards the cost of running Crafty Hands craft sessions for children aged 8-11 who are living in rural areas where there is little in the way of age appropriate activities.

Ringland Community Association, Newport, Monmouth Diocese

This charity was founded in 1999 and provides community learning courses for local people in the eastern cluster of Newport, who are aiming to learn new skills, gain confidence and self esteem. To enable local people to attend the Association established a crèche and the project was awarded £1050 to help cover the cost of the crèche for 5 of the community learning courses.

Builth Wells Play Scheme, Swansea and Brecon Diocese

The Builth Wells Play Scheme has established a play scheme for children living around the Llanellwedd / Newbridge-on-Wye area. The play scheme operates for 8 weeks during school holiday periods and provides much needed support to assist parents in accessing work or training to regenerate the local economy. A grant of £500 was awarded to help purchase toys and equipment with the aim of educating children about road safety.

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.

