

Fundraising Events

As well as the Sponsored Football Match on page 2, Give Kids a Chance has been fortunate to receive donations and the proceeds of a number of fundraising events in the past few months as the photograph and news clips below show.



- Give Kids a Chance Christmas Fundraising Projects raised the grand total of £7,309.46 from supporters across Aberdeen. Staff held raffles, baked cakes, organised concerts and gave donations instead of sending Christmas Cards. Champion fundraisers this year were the staff from Talisman Energy (UK) Limited who raised the staggering amount of £2,783, followed by Wood Group Engineering (North Sea) Limited who raised £1,976 and Sparrows Offshore who raised £868.
- Aberdeen Property Leasing – staff fundraising over the year raised £802.
- Granite City Chorus “al fresco” Christmas Performances at the Albyn Restaurant and Bar at 11 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, raised £600.

- Celebrity Chef Can't Cook Won't Cook with John McRuvie and Charlie Allan, (pictured above) 31st March, Balgownie Bowling Club, Aberdeen, raised £3,000.
- Aberdeen St Machar Rotary Golf Challenge – 25th May, Newmachar Golf Club raised £3,000.
- Brigham Young Ballroom Dance Show – 10th June, Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, raised £2,500.

Give Kids a Chance sends a huge thank you to all our supporters.

shmu Radio Stars

Two GKAC participants from Aberdeen, Stephanie and Jade, worked on a Radio Project last year and spent time interviewing GKAC staff, volunteers and young people to find out about their views and opinions of the project. Unfortunately due to a technical hitch with the equipment, the finished recording could not be broadcast. However, we are now

delighted to confirm that thanks to the hard work and expertise of Adele Keith at shmuFM, the girls' work has been saved and will be broadcast on July 10th during the Young People's Saturday Morning Show, between 10am and 1pm. Please listen in to this community radio station live broadcast on 99.8FM or on line at www.shmufm.net



Winter newsletter winner

Competition winner from the Winter Newsletter was Chelsea Grant who returned a completed GKAC questionnaire and was the lucky winner of the Wii Sports

Resort Pak. The above photograph shows Chelsea receiving her prize at the GKAC Multi Sport Club at Woodside Fountain Community Centre.

Summer Competition

This summer we have received a selection of games, Lego and DVDs to distribute to the young people involved with GKAC. To enter the free draw for a gift please complete and return the attached “GKAC Feedback Form” by Monday 23rd August 2010.

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Grants awarded to GKAC in Aberdeen



Funding of £10,000 has once again been received from the Fairer Scotland Fund to support GKAC work in Aberdeen. This funding will help support activity costs for the group activities of Snooker, Football and Sooyang Do, as well as some individual costs.

Steering Group for their ongoing support. To complete the package of support for the Snooker group, Rileys Pool and Snooker Club have kindly agreed to allow our group to use their facilities free of charge on a Sunday morning.

Give Kids a Chance was also fortunate to be awarded £7,500 from the Aberdeen City Community Health Partnership Health Improvement Fund as a contribution towards administration of the project. GKAC sends thanks to the Fairer Scotland Board and the Health Improvement Fund

The GKAC Martial Art provider for Aberdeen is Sooyang Do. This national organisation have supported GKAC since the project was launched in 1997 and continue to provide subsidised access to their classes. Thank you to Rileys and Sooyang Do for helping GKAC to deliver our service at a greatly reduced cost.

As always our newsletter is not quite big enough to include all the information we would like to share with you but we hope the topics included will be of interest. More information is available on our website at www.nhsgrampian.org/gkac Any young person who wishes to contribute an article or photograph should send it to Heather or Grace at the Give Kids a Chance office or by e-mail to heather.wilson2@nhs.net or grace.hanvey2@nhs.net

Aberdeen activities

Sooyang Do, Multi Sport Club, Football and Music continue to be among the most popular activities on offer in Aberdeen with 35 young people involved. The football team, Kevin's Posse, have settled into the new Under16s league at Goals and are well placed to finish in the top half of the table this season.

Congratulations to Liam on taking on the role of Junior Instructor at the Sooyang Do Class. We are delighted to see him accept the responsibility this role brings and look forward to hearing of his progress. Liam is our most senior Martial Art student. He has reached senior brown belt level and hopes to achieve his black belt soon. Liam will also have the opportunity to register for an MV Award to recognise his volunteering officially.

Fraserburgh activities

Give Kids a Chance are delighted to be back in contact with the Fraserburgh Sea Cadets and have one young person who has recently joined the group. We also welcome new volunteer driver David to the GKAC team. Without David's support as a volunteer driver, attendance at the Sea Cadets would not have been possible.

The Sea Cadets have recently bought a small boat for the junior cadets to use and are looking forward to many practical boating exercises over the summer months. All Sea Cadets involved in water based activities have to pass a swimming assessment. Once cadets have passed this swimming assessment and the boat is ready for cadets to use, they have the opportunity to go sailing.

Fundraiser Michael Molden



One of our most active volunteers is Michael Molden. Michael was a Music Tutor and Volunteer Football Coach for Give Kids a Chance. Michael had to give up these positions when he moved to a new job with Aberdeen Foyer but has continued to support GKAC as a volunteer fundraiser. Michael organised a football match between staff and clients of The

Foyer Aberdeen and an NHS X1 and has raised £630 for the project. The main sponsor for this event was CNR International, who pledged £50 for each goal scored. The Foyer Aberdeen team won by 10 – 0 which meant a huge donation of £500 was made to GKAC. Thank you to Michael and his team of young people on the Get Ready For Work programme for organising this event.

SPREE Books

SPREE Books will be available from the Give Kids a Chance project from 11th August 2010. Books cost £23 each and are valid until 1 October 2011.

SPREE Books offer great 2 for 1 or 50% off savings on restaurants, family dining, informal dining, leisure, health, beauty and general shopping opportunities in a variety of outlets in Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

The Give Kids a Chance project will receive a donation of £4 for each

book sold. If you wish to order one please contact Grace by email on grace.hanvey2@nhs.net or on telephone number 01224 555293.

Offers in the Spree Book are predominantly Aberdeen based. All funds raised will be used to support GKAC.



Volunteers Wanted

Give Kids a Chance has a team of 14 volunteers involved in driving, escorting, helping with the delivery of activity sessions and fundraising. The project will be represented at a Volunteer Fair in Aberdeen Music Hall on 3rd July 2010, with the aim of increasing our pool of volunteer drivers and fundraisers. If you are interested in a volunteer position we can discuss the options in your area at the event on the 3rd July, or you can contact us directly. Vacancies for volunteer drivers are available in Aberdeen, Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Moray. For more information on volunteer positions, contact Heather Wilson, *see contacts box on page 6*.

Volunteer Kelly, pictured centre with Hannah and Vanessa, joined GKAC last year as an Activity Support Worker. Kelly has been involved in escorting young people to the Sooyang Do class and since



the re-opening of the Linx Ice Arena, has been attached to the Ice Skating activity. Three young people are currently attending and are members of the Aberdeen Linx Ice Skating Club. They attend on a Thursday evening for the club session and receive structured tuition and free time on the ice.

Kelly is on hand to make sure the girls arrive safely, check in with the club officials, get their skates on and is able to help with any mishaps or falls on the ice. She then makes sure they meet up with fellow volunteer Sandra who drives them home.



Peterhead activities

The Hot Spot Saturday Club continues to be a successful group in Peterhead and recently worked with Aberdeen based Peacock Visual Arts on a programme of arts based workshops funded through Creative Identities.

Creative Identities is an 18 month programme funded by the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities initiative. Using £1.2 million from the proceeds of crime, it is managed in partnership with Scottish Screen and

the Scottish Arts Council.

Staff from Peacock Visual Arts visited the young people at the Saturday club (pictured above) and worked on screen printing and photography projects. The young people also visited the Peacock workshops and gallery in Aberdeen. The end product of this collaboration was an exhibition of their art work which is now on display at the Hot Spot in Peterhead.



Moray activities

A new addition to the Moray Activities Programme is the Red Shoes Theatre Group in Elgin.

The Red Shoes Theatre Group offers a huge range of classes covering traditional and musical theatre skills. In the future they also hope to offer multimedia, film making, and costume design. This is a welcome

addition to the GKAC Moray programme of horse-riding, martial arts, swimming and music.

Please contact Heather or Grace e-mail: heather.wilson2@nhs.net or grace.hanvey2@nhs.net if you are not currently attending an activity and would like to enquire about opportunities in your area.