



Child Concern Consortium

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Five children's
charities in one

Hello everyone,



Thank you all so very much for your continuing support of Child Concern Consortium.

And especially to the regulars of our local public house; **The Ship** who collected a grand total of **£55.54** from

their moneybox, hamper raffle and sweepings from the floor!

Also to **Mr Peter Harris** who took first prize in the singing contest but generously donated his competition prize of **£50** to Child Concern Consortium!

It's heart-warming that so many of you care enough to give. And none more so than the staff of our local Woolworths store in Bethnal Green who were still fundraising on our behalf on the very day that they themselves would be joining the ranks of the unemployed!

So a huge thank you everyone for keeping those children needing our help continually in your thoughts.

With warmest wishes,

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Becky with Brother George

Working Families takes very seriously our role of helping children and parents to cope during particularly stressful times. And one mum has written to share her experience with us:

"My daughter Becky was diagnosed with cancer six years ago when she was only seven, which meant intensive chemotherapy for the first six weeks and then three days a week for the next six months.

With the shock of learning about Becky's illness came the added worry of how I would retain my job during this difficult time. But with the help and support of Working Families, I was able to negotiate flexible working of two weeks out of three with my employer.

Sadly, none of the other parents on the large children's cancer ward had the option to work in this way. They would usually have to stop working immediately, meaning a huge loss of family income at a time when they needed it most.

Luckily for us, Becky recovered well from each round of her treatment and I think this was due in part to carrying on with school as usual, which gave her something to look forward to. It also meant that I wasn't stuck at home with depressing thoughts and could continue to do the job that I enjoy"

Thank you so much for helping us to provide the support needed for families like Becky's.

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Coping in a crisis

One big Happy family

Ben and Dan are brothers aged 7 and 9 who have two older sisters, three older step-sisters and two younger half-brothers. All nine children came to the notice of social services with issues ranging from poor home conditions and overcrowding to poor school attendance.

The family's social worker believed that if the housing situation could be addressed then other issues could be tackled, whilst still keeping the children at home. So support care placements were arranged for Ben and Dan with two sets of foster carers. Both children had breaks at the same time twice a month, which gave Mum and Dad time to address the remaining issues and free up more space for Mum's three children to stay at weekends. Ben and Dan settled quickly into their

placements and enjoyed the activities arranged by their foster carers. Most of these were at little or no cost and included visits to local parks, swimming, cooking, homework support and storytelling.

The family has now moved to a house with a garden, which means the younger children have somewhere to play and relationships with the extended family have improved so much that they now assist with childcare. Sharing of tasks has been organised, which in turn frees up mum and dad to spend more time with their children in work and play. Thank you everyone for helping us to give every child a chance in life.

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the voice of foster care



www.fostering.net

Young people shaping services



Young people in the UK are having a say in the development of state of the art youth centres designed to give teenagers around the country safe and exciting places to use at times that suit them.

4Children led the call for iconic new youth facilities through its Make Space campaign, which involved consulting 16,000 young people in 2007.

Myplace was launched in Leeds through its first flagship centre; The Big Hub. The centre will feature state of the art access to sports, music and the arts, health advice, and other specialist services vital to young people's health and wellbeing.

www.4children.org.uk

A total of 41 successful Myplace funded projects were announced in March at a launch event at Hoxton Hall, Hackney. 4Children Young Reporter Meadbh Dempsey, 16, commented:

"Hoxton Hall is a brilliant place for young people. It has great things going on... We need more help and support to get places like this all over the country. Young people have fantastic ideas but we need the chance to make them heard."

Myplace and 4Children are helping to make this happen because of your ongoing support – thank you so much.

Every child is Special



"I was adopted when I was small but lived with a foster family for a short while.

I have contact with my eldest sister by letter. She sounds so lovely and when I am older I may meet her. I have more birth sisters but have no contact with them. I would like to though. I am the youngest child in my birth family, but the eldest in the family I have now.

I'm glad I'm adopted. Although adoption brings with it feelings of loss, sadness, anger and many more feelings, it also brings joy and happiness to everyone involved. My parents were given a chance to have a child they otherwise couldn't have and I was given a chance to have a happier life. I would like to say thank you to my family for adopting me and for being the best ever. I love them so much. They have changed my life so much for the better, I could never describe how much.

When I am older, maybe when I am a granny, after I have been a policewoman and a mummy and a sailing instructor for disabled children, I would like to be a foster mum and be able to give other children another chance in life like I was given. I think it is a lovely thing to do as children also have valid feelings, which should be recognized and every child deserves to be loved no matter who they are or what they are like. Every child is special and worth something in the world"

Thank you all for helping us to make children feel special.

www.baaf.org.uk

Thomas and Holly visit the Dentist!



Jenna helping Thomas to clean his teeth

The visit to our local after school club at the Mudchute Park and Farm by ASC's dental playbox co-ordinators; Pam Johnson and Lorraine Finnegan was a huge success and a really fun day out for everyone involved.

The children sat quietly on the floor totally captivated by the gowns, masks and dental play equipment that Pam brought out to show them. This soon changed; however, when Dr Drill 'n' Fill and Thomas and Holly came out to play!

Dr Drill 'n' Fill was definitely No.1 in the popularity list, with all the children wanting to take a turn at making and changing his fillings! Thomas and Holly came a very close second though especially when it came to helping them to clean their teeth!

The day was lots of fun with plenty of laughter from the children, which is exactly the sort of response we want the boxes to produce - helping to learn through play that a visit to the dentist doesn't need to be scary. Thank you so much for your continuing support of all our work.

www.actionforsickchildren.org

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OUR NEXT CANARY WHARF FUNDRAISER



We'll be back at the Canary Wharf Shopping Mall, Cabot Place East on Friday 7 August 2009 shaking our buckets once again for Child Concern Consortium. And we're hoping to receive the same warm reception that we have in the past; resulting in nice heavy buckets to struggle back with! So if you work in or around Canary Wharf; why not join in the fun between 10am and 2pm to promote our all important work with children desperately needing our help across the UK.

Two new Fundraising Websites for CCC !!



MyCharityPage is an exciting new social networking tool for fundraisers and charities that will accept online donations and claim Gift Aid for CCC without charging a penny in commission or sign up fees!

MyCharityPage uses features such as videos, blogs, forum discussions, search events and fundraising news, which allow you to build up a whole network of friends and family to raise awareness and support for CCC. So why not take a look now to set up your own fundraising page or make a direct, online donation to CCC at: www.mycharitypage.com/childconcernconsortium.



Shop til you drop and raise money for CCC whilst shopping online at your favourite stores! Choose from over **600** of the UK's best-known retailers, including many popular names such as Next, Argos, M&S, Toys R Us, Comet, etc, etc. You can shop for holidays, flights, electronics, food, wine and much, much more and with every purchase made up to **15%** will be donated to CCC! So if you already shop online why not register now at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/childconcernconsortium and raise money for CCC at the same time.



SECOND CCC ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACE EVENING

Our second Dragon Boat Race evening will take place on Thursday 21 May 2009 and as successful as our first one was - we're hoping for an even bigger turn out this year!

If you live or work in or around London's Docklands why not come and join us? It's such a fun event and at just the right time of year for everyone to get out and start enjoying the longer evenings. Each boat holds a team of 10 but if you're short on numbers, why not team up with another group on the night to fill a boat together.



If you really can't be persuaded that being on the water is the best way to take in a balmy summer's evening, then do join us anyway for a drink or BBQ supper. You can sponsor your favourite team, buy a raffle ticket and help us to bring out the fun in fundraising!

But if you really can't make it on the night then please follow this link to visit our fundraising page and sponsor us online at <http://www.mycharitypage.com/ccc5in1>. For more information please email us at office@childconcernconsortium.org.uk or call 0207 522 6910 and we'll be happy to help.

Mr Recycle More starts the year in style for Child Concern Consortium!



Bringing in the New Year with a bang, CCC joined the crowds at the New Year's Day Parade, Westminster for a fantastic celebration of international music, carnival floats and walking entries from surrounding London Boroughs. As the Mayor's Charity of the Year, we were invited to join Mr Recycle More (the robotic entry from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets), who standing at around 20 feet tall and created entirely out of Tower Hamlets Recycled Wheelie Bins was definitely the star of the show!

Mr Recycle More claimed second prize for best entry in the competition, securing a brilliant **£3,000** donation for Child Concern Consortium and further donations were collected from the thousands of excited spectators who lined the route from Parliament Square to Piccadilly!

This marks a great start to the year for CCC and we want to say a massive **THANKYOU** to the team at Tower Hamlets and the creators of Mr Recycle More for making this happen.

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Mayor's COTY Christmas Ball

As one of the Mayor of Tower Hamlets' chosen Charities of the Year, Child Concern Consortium was lucky enough to be invited to attend his Christmas Charity Ball and what a prestigious event it proved to be! The decorations were stunning and with a mixture of businesses, local residents, councillors and staff from around Tower Hamlets all dressed especially for the event; it turned out to be a very glamorous evening.



The Mayor opened the proceedings with a short welcome speech and Sir Martin Jacomb, Chairman of Canary

Wharf Group plc (pictured here with the Mayor, the Mayor's wife and Sarah and Jayne from CCC), showed his support by adding a few words of his own. With wonderful food and a live band, we felt very privileged to be a part of it all. However, the very important business of the night was not forgotten and with a caricaturist capturing unaware diners around the tables and fantastic auction lots going under the hammer, everyone dug really deep to support the Mayor on this wonderful night. The evening was a huge success and we would like to say a very big thank you to the Mayor, his staff and Canary Wharf Group plc for all their hard work on behalf of CCC.

WHY WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

- 1 in 3 secondary school children regularly return to an empty home
- 1 in 5 children have been a victim of crime
- 1 in 10 school children are persistently and frequently bullied

HOW YOUR MONEY HELPS:

- £5 could help fund a place in an after-school activity session
- £15 could pay for 100 "Young Victims of Crime" leaflets to be printed
- £20 could run an anti-bullying workshop in primary schools

Still thinking of others even when their own doors were closing for good!

Woolworths has been a huge supporter of CCC through their payroll giving scheme for many

years and our local store at **Bethnal Green** were still thinking of us even as their own doors closed for the very last time in January this year. We were delighted to receive a phone call from the store on their very last afternoon asking us to rush over there to collect a contribution that had been raised that day. Staff at the branch had been generously fundraising on our behalf right up to the very last minute and good old Woolies staff had really earned every penny by rolling up their sleeves to offer cooked snacks and face painting to Bethnal Green shoppers for a day. The general public responded to their generous efforts with matching generosity and the day's fun raised an amazing **£526.50** for CCC.

A huge, albeit belated, thank you to all the staff at **Woolworths Bethnal Green** who really pulled out all the stops raising money for children needing our help across the UK.

We will miss you all but won't forget your kindness and wish you all the very best for the future

—THANK YOU WOOLIES!



Payroll Giving

We'll all be better off

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DONATION FORM / CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I would like to advise you of my new address details / I would like to make a donation that works **five** times harder! Please return to Child Concern Consortium - address above

I am enclosing a cheque for £_____ made payable to Child Concern Consortium.

I have made an online donation of £_____ through www.childconcernconsortium.org.uk

Please do not send cash through the post.

Title _____ Name _____

Address _____

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Please send me:

- A home moneybox so that my loose change can help change children's lives for the better.
- Some mobile phone recycling envelopes to help raise up to £30.00 per phone for CCC.
- CCC water bottles at £2.99 per bottle. Cheque in amount £_____ attached.
- A copy of CCC's Supporters' Questionnaire.

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The Gift Aid declaration entitles us to reclaim the tax you have already paid and turns every £1 you donate into £1.25. All you have to do is tick below.

I am currently a

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UK tax payer. Please treat all of my donations to Child Concern Consortium as Gift Aid until otherwise notified.

Signature _____

Today's date _____

NB: You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax we claim.