

Child Concern Consortium Supporters' Newsletter

Your gift supports our 5 charities.



Hello again everyone,



Firstly, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those new supporters who have recently joined us by kindly agreeing to take a CCC moneybox into their homes.

Our very first campaign was launched in

April this year and is proving to be a very successful and fun way of supporting the Consortium. If you are interested in applying for a moneybox for your own home, please turn to page three for further details of the scheme.

Another exciting concept recently launched involves the recycling of your mobile phones. Not only is this helping the environment, but promoting CCC at the same time! Further details can also be found on page three.

As you can see, this is a very exciting time for the Consortium, with so many new projects coming on board and of course, none of these would be possible without your continuing support and generosity.

Thank you so much.

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Joined up services for all families

4Children works to place every child's and parent's needs at the heart of the community. Families need choice, quality services and joined up support – and these are all being offered through the development of children's centres and extended schools.

Over the next five years more and more schools will be providing access to childcare from 8am–6pm all year round, increasing opportunities for children and young people to enjoy, achieve, learn new skills and broaden their horizons. Children from birth upwards will be given the best start possible – crucial learning and development support – through quality early years provision and other children's centres services.

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to transform the way we support children in this country, and 4Children is working to ensure these changes are real and lasting.

www.4Children.org.uk



Learning about good dental hygiene

At Action for Sick Children we believe that children (and their parents) are much less anxious about visits to the hospital, doctor or dentist if they are fully informed in advance of any treatments they may be involved in.

Dental healthcare is just as important as any other healthcare and in fact, good dental care helps to maintain healthy lives. The latest project to be initiated by Action for Sick Children is the use of "dental play boxes". These boxes help children to learn through play how to understand dental treatment and encourage them to co-operate with the dentist, which in turn makes a visit to the dentist a much less scary experience. This scheme is already very successful in Scotland and will shortly be launched throughout England.

www.actionforsickchildren.org

Dental
Playbox



Educating families



It's school holiday time again and most working parents struggle to keep their children amused and out of trouble during the holidays. But for the parents of disabled children it is a particular challenge. Even if they can find suitable holiday play schemes with the specialised care their children need, they will often find the cost prohibitive.



Photo kindly supplied by Working Families

That's where Working Families can be a lifeline. A mother called our Helpline recently because she had run out of parental leave as a result of frequent hospital appointments for her severely disabled teenager. She was worried about the high cost of one-to-one care during the long summer holiday.

We were able to inform her that, as the parent of a disabled child under 18, she had the right to request flexible working and we were also able to help her to negotiate fewer hours during the school holidays and to advise her about spreading the childcare element of the Working Tax Credit over the year so she had more financial help during the holidays. As a result, she was able to hold on to her job and the vital income that keeps her family out of poverty.

www.workingfamilies.org.uk

High Achievers



Louisa came into foster care at the age of four. She describes her turbulent early life as "not very nice" and knows that she was moved between eleven different carers over just three years. Finally, she and her brother found a stable and happy match with carers George and Maz, now 'Mum and Dad'.

With the support of her new family, Louisa began to discover a talent for swimming. Since her first lesson at the age of 10, she hasn't looked back. Last year she swam in the world Championships in the Czech Republic, winning bronze in the individual 200m medley. She was also a member of the relay team, which brought home three gold medals, a silver and a bronze.

Her proudest moment was winning a BBC South Today sports award. "I got filmed, interviewed and went to Southampton where they did the nominations and I got it! I walked up there and started crying. I was so surprised. Ellen MacArthur was sat next to me. My interview was on the radio. It was great!"

As Louisa trains hard for the Beijing Paralympics in 2008 she is very appreciative of her foster carers' support. "I would like to say a big thanks. They take me everywhere, all over the different countries, especially my dad – the taxi driver!"

The Fostering Network is working hard to ensure that more children in foster care are supported to achieve their potential.

www.thefosteringnetwork.org

Getting an early start



Many children in care have special educational needs and display challenging behaviour at school. Foster carers need strategies to cope at home and help children to cope in the classroom. These children do best when teachers and foster carers work closely together.



BAAF is currently seeking funding for a project to develop a new training programme that would focus on helping children in care aged 5-11 to achieve their full potential. We are planning to pilot the project in one London borough and then roll it out nationally (if we get the funding!). We would help foster carers to develop skills to help children learn to read and practice their reading. Help with homework, identify any learning difficulties and work with teachers to address these and understand the school system and the importance of working in partnership with the school.

www.baaf.org.uk

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Home Moneybox Campaign

Our very first moneybox campaign was launched in April this year and many are already being filled with loose change in households across the UK. This change is converted into donations as the boxes are filled then emptied, pennies counted and a cheque popped into the post to us.

We would love to send you a moneybox for your kitchen table, desktop or mantelpiece. Simply email or ring us via the details on the back of this newsletter and we'll post out as many as you need – for friends, for family or to place on the bar at your local pub!

Spreading the word about the Consortium in this way will place us right at the centre of people's minds, hearts and homes!



Shop for us at Amazon

After the sad demise from cyberspace of UshopUgive, CCC has joined with Amazon.co.uk Associates, a subsidiary of Amazon.co.uk to bring you another fun way of shopping online.



Everyone knows of course that Amazon is famous for selling books, but did you know that they now sell millions of other products too? From cameras to coffee machines, exercise videos and Elvis CDs - there has to be something for everyone!

The Amazon Associates Program is one of the largest and most successful online affiliates today, with over 900,000 members joining worldwide. And with around 5% of any purchase price being donated directly to CCC that's got to be a great reason for visiting Amazon via our direct website link at

www.childconcernconsortium.org.uk

PAYROLL GIVING - SME GRANT - TIME'S RUNNING OUT

The SME Payroll Giving Grant is only available until December 2006 so don't miss out - apply now! The Grants Scheme expires 31 Dec 2006 for employers. Matching Donations ends 31 March 2007.

By setting up a Payroll Giving scheme, SMEs with 1 to 499 employees can receive a grant of £300 - £500. And government matched donations up to a maximum of £10 for donors for the first 6 months.

So hurry! Encourage everyone you know to promote payroll giving in the workplace.

For more information visit www.childconcernconsortium.org.uk



Recycle your old mobile phone by donating it to Child Concern Consortium

Old mobile phones can be recycled and raise a minimum of £5 per phone for Child Concern Consortium, which in turn helps us to help all the children and families we support. So if you are thinking of replacing your phone or your company is upgrading theirs, please recycle them by contacting us for a freepost envelope, which we will post out to you by return.

Then follow the three simple steps below:

1. **Remove your SIM card.**
2. **Place your old phone in the Freepost envelope.**
3. **Pop it in the post. It's so easy!**



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Mudchute Event



Once again we had a very successful day (albeit a very hot one!) at the annual summer fair of the Mudchute Farm, Isle of Dogs in Docklands. Many families from the local community came to enjoy the sun, stalls, animals and activities and our eye-catching display drew many enquirers. Our "Name the Boy" in our logo competition attracted over 30 entries, generating donations for each entry and placing the CCC logo firmly in people's minds as children and parents alike put much serious consideration into his/her name.

The lucky winner was Lesley Young of London, E14 who will now receive a £10 Virgin gift voucher! And we are delighted to announce that our logo boy is now officially named...**Chuckles!** We're sure you'll agree this is the perfect name for such a jolly looking character.

HOW YOUR COMPANY CAN HELP US

If you're an employee:

- Nominate us for your company's chosen charity of the year
- Recycle your mobile phones
- Team up with colleagues for a corporate challenge

If you're an employer:

- Charity of the Year – make CCC your chosen Charity of the Year
- Gifts in kind – donating a gift can help us raise additional funds through auctions or raffles.
- Please tell us about any other CSR opportunities you provide

Contact details below

QUALITY MARK AWARDS

Launched in January 2006 by the Institute of Fundraising, Payroll Giving Awards will be given to employers with a Payroll scheme: the Payroll Giving Quality Mark (Gold, Silver or Bronze, depending on the number of donors) recognises and rewards organisations for making Payroll Giving available to their staff. The Quality Mark and subsequent Awards symbolise excellence, recognising those employers that are making a difference together through Payroll Giving, benefiting good causes and employees alike. Winning an award is a great news story for your organisation, so why not 'GO FOR GOLD?'



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DONATION FORM - Please return to Child Concern Consortium - address above

I would like to donate: £10 £25 £50 Other Amount

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Please make cheques payable to Child Concern Consortium

Please debit my MasterCard Visa CAF Card

Card number

Expiry Date Security Number

Signature of cardholder Date

This Gift Aid declaration entitles us to reclaim the tax you have already paid and turns every £1 you donate into £1.20.

I am a UK taxpayer and I want CCC to treat all donations I've made since April 2002 and all donations I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.

I am not a UK taxpayer

Signature

Date

Note: You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we will claim on your donation in the tax year.