



Child Concern Consortium Supporters' Newsletter

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charities in one

Hello again everyone,

First of all I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who took the time and trouble to complete the survey that was included with the previous newsletter. Your responses have proved invaluable and really do help us to gauge whether or not we are getting things right.

Of course, we can't please everyone all of the time! But it does seem as though the majority of you do appreciate receiving a thank you from us and really enjoy reading your copy of the newsletter. If you've not had a chance to complete the survey yet but would like to participate, please complete the tear-off slip on the back of this newsletter and return to me or alternatively, you may wish to complete it online at CCC Supporters' Questionnaire.



Once again I would like to thank you all for your kind donations, which are especially meaningful at this time of year. I do hope that you and your families will have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

With kindest regards,



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"Every child is capable of Greatness"



An inspiring awards programme that began in 1996 has so far supported more than 1,000 young people in the UK to positively change their lives. The Philip Lawrence Awards, run by 4Children in partnership with the Home Office, recognise outstanding achievements by groups of young people aged 11 to 20 who make a real contribution to their local community.

The Awards were established in memory of head teacher Philip Lawrence who was tragically murdered whilst protecting a pupil outside his school. Past winners have tackled issues such as racism, vandalism and violence. Their projects challenge negative stereotypes of young people and promote respect and understanding of faiths, culture and communities.



As one of the PLA 2007 winners explains of her group and its achievements, "It makes us feel that we have the potential to do things that other people never thought we could do." Usman, one of the young people involved in a 2006 PLA-winning school radio project, adds, "I was overwhelmed because I felt our efforts in tackling issues such as bullying were appreciated."

The singer Katie Melua helped to launch the nominations for this year's Awards in June. "It is heartening that the tragic death of Philip Lawrence has created something good in the legacy of The Philip Lawrence Awards," she reflected. "The winners demonstrate the huge potential that young people have to change society for the better."

Your continuing support helps us to help so many young people find their true potential, thank you so much.

www.4children.org.uk

working and caring for children

working families



changing the way we live and work

Morag's phone call to the Waving not drowning helpline was typical. The home-school transport arrangements for her disabled son had been changed. She needed to leave work 30 minutes earlier because her son has severe learning difficulties and she needs to be there when he arrives home.

Morag has been working part-time for her employer for the past five years and wanted to cut her lunch by half an hour to allow her to leave the office earlier. However, her employer felt that this would 'open up the flood gates' and everyone would want to do the same. As Morag is receiving Disability Living Allowance, she has the right to request to change her hours under the Right to Request flexible working legislation.

We asked Morag how her work was organized and it became obvious that it would be more helpful to everyone if she could be made available during the middle of the day (their busiest time), rather than towards the end of the day. We helped Morag with the formal procedure for requesting this change and she was able to negotiate with her employer to leave in time to greet her son each day.

Your support enables us to continue helping parents like Morag to remain in work whilst also caring for their children. Thank you.

www.workingfamilies.org.uk

Local After School Club Dental Playbox Project



Action for Sick Children is dedicated to informing, promoting and campaigning on behalf of the needs of all sick children and young people in the healthcare system. We try to ensure that sick children always receive the highest standard of healthcare possible, including dental healthcare.

Dental healthcare is just as important as any other healthcare and in fact, good dental care helps to maintain healthy lives. Our latest project involving the use of our "dental play boxes" is due to be held at the local Mudchute Farm After School Club on 4 Dec 2008.

Dental Playbox



Our boxes help children to learn through play what a visit to the dentist really involves and that it doesn't always involve pain! We are extremely grateful to the Mudchute for providing us with this opportunity and are really looking forward to working with the children and helping to make that visit to the dentist a much less scary experience for them. Thank you for helping us to achieve this.

www.actionforsickchildren.org

Foster families mean sons and daughters too



The Fostering Network has been working hard to ensure that the children of foster carers are properly supported and recognised. It is often sons and daughters who show a new child the ropes in their new foster family and make sure that they are welcomed into the new home.

Most children of foster carers value these new relationships, but many find it difficult to cope with the complicated changes that fostering brings to their lives. For some it can be very hard to come to terms with the abuse and neglect which foster children might have been subjected to.

As one foster carer told us, *"they see children with bruises who are upset and soon realise that not all mummies and daddies are as nice as their own."*



We owe it to these children and young people to give them recognition, listen to what they have to say and help them to deal with the challenges of their role. With your help this is exactly what we are working so hard to achieve. Thank you so much.

www.fostering.net

Adoption from a child's viewpoint



BAAF often receive stories from adopted children. The stories are so heartwarming that we felt we would like to share one with you:

"I was so scared getting ready for my first day at my new school because I was petrified about telling everyone about me and my family. I arrived at school and spent the day with my new friends, but didn't tell anyone that I was adopted because I didn't know how they might react.

On the following Thursday lunchtime, all the girls were telling me about their brothers and sisters then one of them turned to me and said, 'Do you have any brothers or sisters?' I didn't know what to say in reply, 'Erm...well...it's

all sort of...complicated'. So I went on to tell them about me and my two sisters being adopted, my two adoptive brothers and my foster sister.

After I had told them I sat there, waiting for their reaction and expecting them not to understand. But they were the complete opposite and wanted to know more about me and about adoption, which made me realise I shouldn't really be that bothered about telling people about myself because if they're real friends they'll understand and care for me whatever!"

Thank you for your continuing support of our all important work.

www.baaf.org.uk



CCC's water bottles!

CCC's water bottles are proving very popular with a fantastic **£120** raised so far and we are extremely grateful to Mrs Cooke from Somerset who generously sponsored 200 bottles – thank you so much! If you or your company has an event coming up in the near

future, don't forget to order your own bottles in plenty of time by completing the tear-off form on the back of this newsletter. At only **£2.99** per bottle they are fantastic value for money and make great mementoes of a special event!

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New mayor chooses CCC as Charity of the Year!



Child Concern Consortium were delighted to be chosen as one of only two charities selected by the recently elected Mayor of Tower Hamlets; Mohammed Abdus Salique as his Charity of the Year.

Pictured with the Mayor at a recent fundraiser held at Canary

Wharf earlier this year, he told us: "I received very many applications from various charities on my new appointment. However, I felt Child Concern Consortium to be a very important one because of all the work you do supporting children and their families. You are my charity and I am here to work for you this year."

We look forward to working closely with Mayor Salique in the year ahead and are grateful for the opportunity of introducing Child Concern Consortium to the local business community at his forthcoming Charity Christmas Ball.

Make your message really count this Christmas!

Love to send cards at Christmas? Why not send a CCC virtual Christmas greeting to all your friends and family this year as an alternative to traditional paper cards?



The festive season is just around the corner and this is a great idea that not only saves on costs, but also saves on precious time when it's most needed. No writing, no stamps or posting and an excellent way of helping the environment by saving on paper.

At only **£3.99** for a boxed set of 30 Christmas greetings and £2.00 going directly to CCC for every box sold, it's never been easier to spread a little happiness at this special time of year, especially when sending to loved ones abroad!

Please visit www.charitygreetings.com/childconcernconsortiumchristmas to purchase your special Child Concern Consortium Christmas box set and help us to help all those children *needing* our help this Christmas.

Canary Wharf fundraisers

The two collections held at Canary Wharf in August of this year were once again lots of hard work but well worth the efforts of all those involved, raising just under **£3,000** over the two days!

This year we have two corporate volunteer teams to thank - one for each collection; Team Coutts & Co and Team Ernst & Young whose tireless bucket shaking and winning smiles encouraged such generous giving from the Canary Wharf community. And we've just received the brilliant news from EY that matched funding of **£1,000** is on the way - so thank you once again Team EY.



Further thanks go to Canary Wharf Group PLC and London Underground for providing us with such fantastic fundraising opportunities

right on our own doorstep! Also to our loyal friends: Nicki at Pret à Manger and Justina at Caffé Nero for once again providing free refreshments on the day and not forgetting Sally at the City Pride for the free parking!

But our biggest thanks must go to everyone who kindly dropped a contribution into our collection buckets. We hope to find that we're a familiar sight when we return in 2009!

20 years of Give as you Earn



BT is one of the largest supporters of payroll giving in the country. Now celebrating 20 years, BT employees raised a combined total of over £2.5 million for charities during 2007/2008 and in support of their employee's generosity; BT has raised an additional £1 million each year by topping up employee contributions through their matched funding scheme!

Child Concern Consortium is one of the thousands of charities currently benefiting through the BT Give As You Earn scheme and we were delighted to receive a fantastic **£2,660.83** in matched funding from BT, which will make such a huge difference to all the children and families we support.

We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone at BT for helping us to help change children's lives for the better!

THANK YOU BT!



Payroll Giving
We'll all be better off

We are the champions!

Let me introduce you to two of our very own champions; Lorna Lockheart (pictured looking every inch a winner) and Terriellen Bird, who are the latest additions to our Just Giving hall of fame. The girls have been pounding the pavements at either end of the country; Lorna ran the Great Scottish Half Marathon in September and Terriellen joined "Run to the Beat" through Greenwich, London in October. A huge thank you to both of them for making their hard work count for thousands of vulnerable children across the country, raising **£338** and **£360** respectively. What a great way to mark two brilliant personal achievements.

You can set up your own fundraising page in support of Child Concern Consortium at: www.justgiving.com/childconcernconsortium/raisemoney



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First ever CCC Dragon Boat evening

CCC hosted its first ever Dragon Boat Race Evening this autumn and what a fantastic night it was! Thanks to everyone for such a successful evening and for turning out on what was easily the most awful autumnal weather of the year!

Special thanks leading up to the event and on the night go to our two member charities who also took part; 4Children and The Fostering Network. And congratulations to TFN whose team eventually went on to win the event – well done!

Thanks also to Bill, the MC who kindly stayed on after the race to present CCC certificates to all our worthy rowers. And not forgetting of course, Mr Harris for his sterling efforts on the camera, which provided such wonderful reminders of the night and his no lesser efforts in enthusiastically promoting the contents of our Tombola to the tune of £42.00!

Thank you also to all our friends and families who kindly sponsored our efforts online. For those of you still



The winners - TFN & Friends

wishing to do so, please complete the donation form at the bottom of this page marking 'Dragon Boat' on the form or follow the links:
www.justgiving.com/cccdragonboatteam
www.justgiving.com/4childrenandfriends
 or www.justgiving.com/tfn_dragonboat
 and donate now! Pages are open until December so you still have plenty of time! Running totals raised in sponsorship so far are a fantastic **£1971.61!**

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

[Click here to view the pictures.](#)

Another champion for Child Concern Consortium

Meet Paul Downham one of our regular Payroll Giving donors (on the right of the picture below), who spent 10 gruelling hours raising money for Child Concern Consortium in the Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride earlier this year.

This event normally covers 60 miles. But Paul generously agreed to accept a bonus sponsorship by also riding home thus adding an additional 30 miles to his journey!

However, when Paul arrived at the station for the start in Manchester, he found the trains had been cancelled! This meant he was forced to ride 30 miles to Manchester, 60 miles to Blackpool and then 30 miles back home again – ouch!

Paul arrived home some 10 hours later having raised an amazing **£505** for CCC – what a fantastic achievement!

Thank you Paul!



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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.

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

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Today's date _____

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