

Home-Start Milton Keynes AGM UPDATE 30th September 2011



Support and friendship
for families

Home-Start
Milton Keynes



Currently....

We are supporting 62 families but have supported 103 between April - September 2011. This compares to:

the year to March 2011	179
the year to March 2010	164
the year to March 2009	136

The good news...tinged with sadness

We are celebrating 15 years of work in MK—supported by continuous funding by MK Council since December 1996. This has been essential throughout that time and all other funding and other projects enhance this core work.

We are delighted that two Children's Centres are supporting two new family groups and we are just starting to work with them to reach more families who need our support.

We were not able to replace Sure Start funding which came to a natural end at the end of March 2011 and faced staff redundancies. We sadly had to close our five groups over the last six months—one group at Netherfield had been open since 2003—supported recently by Hedgerows Children's Centre.

Some staff members have reduced their hours and two out of three potential redundancies were saved. We said a sad farewell to Alyson at the end of September: she has been a group co-ordinator since January 2009 and a long-standing volunteer.

Next...

There is uncertainty ahead...we do not have confirmed funding from April 2012 from MK Council. Meanwhile projects funded by the Big Lottery (reaching communities), the Henry Smith Charity (healthy lifestyles) and the group work continue—but they cannot continue without the core funding which pays for managing the scheme, the majority of our rent and other core costs as well as a proportion of our family work.

The media response from our press release in August was excellent and seemed to have a positive result since two Children's Centres have come forward to help us.

Meanwhile we continue to look for alternative longer-term sources of funding.

Funded during 2011/12 by:



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Help we received during 2010/11

The work of Home-Start Milton Keynes would not be possible without the generous support of our volunteers helping at events as well as our work with families, and also the following organisations, trusts and individuals who raise and donate money. Our thanks to everyone concerned - this has been more important than ever.

Support by way of grants, fundraising and more during 2010-11

The Big Lottery Fund
The Book People
Mrs Edna Brookman
Buckingham Well Street United Church congregation
Mr Allan Burgess
The Co-operative Membership Community Fund (Grant)
EasyFundraising
Everyclick (including sponsorship pages)
Guinness Midsummer Foundation (Grant)
The Henry Smith Charity (Grant)
Home-Start UK/Sainsbury's (Grant)
Mrs Sian Horton (1/2 Marathon March 2011)
Inner Wheel Club of Wolverton
Junagahr Media
Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales (Grant)
Mr Mike Lozowski
Milton Keynes Community Foundation (Car Raffle and Grants)
Milton Keynes Council - Learning and Development Directorate, Children's Services (Grant)
Milton Keynes Taxis
MK Dons Ticketing
Newport Pagnell Baptist Church
Mr Mike Shryane
Mrs Sally Siddique (1/2 marathon September 2010)
Stony Stratford Lions Club
Sure Start Children's Centres (Grant)
Mr Kurt Taylor (Adidas Silverstone ½ marathon)
Waitrose (Community Matters Scheme)
West Bletchley Council (Grant for 2011/12)
Thanks to everyone who supported the Waitrose Community Matters collection and the MK Community Foundation Car Raffle
Thanks to the Pilgrim Housing Association and the Parks Trust and others who held stalls at our joint Summer Fun Day in Campbell Park in September 2010



*"A service where
extraordinary people
help to improve
ordinary lives"*

*Health visitor
2010/11*

Other support received

Argos Volunteer Fair
Sure Start Children's Centres:
 The Art Room
 Hedgerows -
 Robins
 Rowans
 Tickford Meadow
 Grange Farm
Martin Davies, Mental Health Trainer &
Cartoonist
Katy Gooding, NHS Dietician

Heidi Gage (Volunteer & social work placement)
Christine Duncan: local Fire Authority
Wendy Usher, Play Doctors
Personal Finance Education Group (PFEG)
The Volunteer Centre
Family Information Service
Jayne Hill: MK Women & Work
Individual Health Visitors
...and special thanks for many years' support from Maureen Williams, Children Social Care