

# All Together



## Volunteers sent packing for a great cause

To promote **World Autism Awareness Day 2011** the Together Trust got together with other local autism charities to run simultaneous bag packs in Sainsbury's stores across the region. Thanks to a fantastic bunch of volunteers we were able to cover tills from 10am to 6pm at both the Cheadle and Wilmslow stores. We spent the day packing shopping, handing out special Autism Awareness Day information leaflets and talking to shoppers about the Together Trust. We raised an amazing £2,200 – with over £4,000 raised across the region in total! Thank you to everyone who helped out or stopped to chat.

Fancy volunteering your time? We have bag packs and collections throughout the year at a range of supermarkets across the region. Please contact us if you want to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.



Turn to the centre pages for a round up and pictures from this year's 90th anniversary Cheadle Festival.

## About the Together Trust

The Together Trust has been supporting people in need for over 140 years. What began in 1870 as a refuge for disadvantaged children has expanded into a charity providing residential care, special education, fostering and community based services across the North West and North Wales. We believe that everyone deserves an equal chance in life and everyone has the ability and right to experience joy, safety, happiness and hope. By providing specialist services to children, young people and adults with behavioural challenges, learning difficulties, physical disabilities, complex health needs and autism spectrum conditions the Together Trust aims to do everything in its power to make that happen.

At Together Trust we commit to spending every penny of voluntary income for the direct benefit of the children, young people and adults in our care. Every penny we receive makes a difference and is used to improve the lives of young people and to give them the most positive future possible. We are very grateful to all the individuals, companies, organisations and groups who support us. If you are able to make a donation, a gift in kind or help in any way we would be happy to hear from you.

**Please return the form enclosed, phone us on 0161 283 4822 or email [fundraising@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@togethertrust.org.uk).**

## From the Chief Executive

It has been another busy six months at the Together Trust. We, like many other charities, have been significantly affected by the challenging economic environment, and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. These difficult times mean that we are even more reliant on the goodwill of our amazing supporters than ever if we are to ensure that the young people we look after can continue to receive the same quality and consistency of support that is so vital to them. Thank you for sticking with us! The gifts we receive – be it money, time or gifts in kind – are so important to us. Please continue to support us however you can and pass this newsletter on to others who you think would be interested.

*David Marriott, Chief Executive*

## Support us and you'll be supporting young people like Elizabeth...

### Elizabeth's story

Elizabeth is a bright and charming 22 year old young woman with a severe learning disability. She moved into Stansfield, a home for four young people, after the breakdown of her long-term foster placement. Elizabeth's challenging behaviour was affecting her relationships with others and preventing her from integrating into the community. She was becoming increasingly isolated from her family, friends and peers.

Staff from the Together Trust's Community and Domiciliary Service worked jointly with her foster parents and staff from the local authority day services she attended to support her move to Stansfield.

Since moving in Elizabeth has made an incredible amount of progress in every area of her life. She is now very settled into daily life at Stansfield and is an active member of the household contributing fully to planning activities and household tasks. She is increasingly independent and has become involved in the local community most notably as a 'singing star' at the local pub's Karaoke night.

All the residents at Stansfield love a party and they are always the first to get on the dancefloor at the regular programme of social events and celebrations made possible by fundraised income. Recently, thanks to the support of a local company, we have been able to purchase Stansfield a karaoke machine meaning that Elizabeth can warm up her vocal chords whenever she likes.

Elizabeth has been able to use the Together Trust's holiday caravans and specially adapted holiday cabin for short breaks with other residents. These trips have been very successful and enabled Elizabeth to widen her horizons and enjoy some new and exciting experiences.

Elizabeth's future is bright. As part of the Together Trust 'family' she has newfound confidence and is already achieving things she never thought possible.



Name changed and model photography used to protect anonymity. ©iStockphoto.com/Artist name CREATISTA

## Something for the ladies

Having selected the Together Trust as her charity of the year, Brenda Chadwick, Ladies Captain of Didsbury Golf Club, organised a sell-out Ladies Night on 7th April. Representatives from Clarins gave product demonstrations, conducting a make over on one lucky volunteer from the audience. Guests had plenty of chances to test all the products, win prizes and purchase them at cut prices. The evening culminated in a prize raffle with fantastic hampers of Clarins products worth several hundred pounds. The evening raised in excess of £1,000 and every guest went home clutching a goody bag and lots of secrets to keep them looking youthful and radiant!



## The Easter bunny comes calling

Throughout April we ran our annual Easter Egg appeal to ensure that every young person under 18 received an egg for Easter. We were not let down by our fantastic supporters. The appeal was kicked off as usual by a record-breaking visit by Roughley's bikers with over 400 bikers delivering their eggs in person.



We also received donations of eggs from Barclays Hazel Grove, Cooperative Travel (Cheadle Hulme and Bramhall), Franke, Pets at Home, Sage and Silk FM. Intellident Ltd ran an Easter Egg hunt for pupils at Inscape Cheadle and also donated eggs to CYCES. Even the fundraising team were sick of chocolate by the time Easter came, but the young people really enjoyed their eggs!



**Thank you!**

## Cheadle Festival

This year marked the 90th year of the Cheadle Festival since its more humble beginnings as the Belmont Garden Fete back in 1921. There have been many variations to the event over the years but the basic idea has remained the same – to offer fun family entertainment for local people whilst raising funds for our work. This year we packed in even more attractions than ever including a fun fair, model train rides, archery demonstration, live bands, an Imagine FM roadshow, craft stalls, games and attractions. The It's a Knockout competition proved as popular as ever with 14 teams taking up the slippery, soapy, silly challenges on offer.

This year to commemorate the event's long history we also ran attractions from bygone days including maypole dancing, a tug of war, stocks, coconut shy and a sack races.

We are immensely grateful for the kind support of Simplyhealth who sponsored the event this year. In total over £16,000 was raised – a brilliant amount with the potential to make a massive difference to the young people we work with.

See you again next year to do it all again!



## Thank you and well done...

...to everyone who has raised money or volunteered their time. If you would like to appear on this page in the next edition please email photos to [fundraising@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@togethertrust.org.uk)



Brother International donated Argos vouchers as Christmas gifts for young people in residential care.



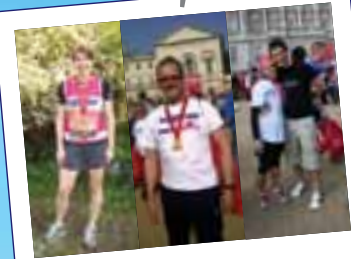
The Caravan Club Cheshire Centre donated £2,200 to purchase cycling equipment for young people at the Russell Centre.



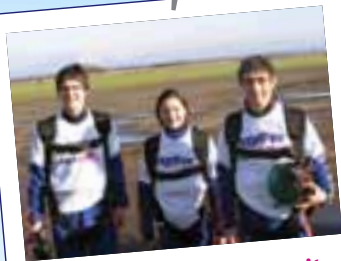
Richard Dee ran the Wilmslow Half Marathon and raised over £800.



Students Heather and James ran the 12 mile Bogle Wander and raised £270.



Aeronwy Preece Towe, Phil Collier and Sally Venn ran the London Marathon collectively raising £6,000.



12 Manchester University students took a leap of faith by skydiving from 10,000 feet.



27 fantastic Great Manchester runners who really did us proud!



Staff at Woodlands organised a bingo night to raise funds for the service.



Beaumont Robinson have chosen us as their charity of the year in their 40th anniversary year.



A generous individual's donation made it possible to install a new sensory room for use by the young people with autism at Pendlebury House.



Volunteers from Talk Talk decorated Newbridge.

# Events diary

## 2011

July	4th	<b>140th Anniversary Exhibition opens</b> – The John Rylands Library, Manchester (until Dec 2012)
	9th	<b>Sky dive</b> – near Morecambe
	11th	<b>Andrew Murray Pro-Am golf day</b> – Lymm
	17th	<b>Car boot sale</b> – Schools Hill, Cheadle
August	13th	<b>Gigfest</b> – The Witchwood, Ashton-under-Lyne (12pm – 2am)
	14th	<b>Big Fun Run (5k)</b> – Wythenshawe Park
September	9th	<b>Bollywood Night</b> – Garam Massala, Cheadle Hulme
	10th/11th	<b>Tatton Park Triathlon</b>
	11th	<b>Car boot sale</b> – Schools Hill, Cheadle
	18th	<b>Bupa Great North Run</b>
October	2nd	<b>Rotary Clubs of Stockport Charity Walk</b>
	8th	<b>Lancashire Loop Cycle challenge</b>
<b>29 October to 5 November</b>		<b>Better Together Week</b>
November	5th	<b>Cheadle's Big Bang</b> – Bonfire and fireworks Schools Hill, Cheadle
<b>Throughout December</b>		<b>Christmas Gift Appeal</b>

More information and registration packs are available from Julie Williams on **0161 283 4822** or email [Julie.williams@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:Julie.williams@togethertrust.org.uk) or visit our website for all the details.



## Better Together Week is back!

The Together Trust's Better Together Week will run again from Saturday 29th October to Saturday 5th November 2011.

We will be looking for individuals, groups and organisations to raise some funds for us during this week – from bake sales to coffee mornings, sponsored silences to live gigs, dress down days to fancy dress parties. You can do anything you like – the sillier the better - just make sure you do something! Get in touch with the fundraising team if you would like to join in the fun.



## Attention bargain hunters!

The car boot season has now begun with our first car boot sale of the year our most successful to date. Helped by beautiful Spring weather we filled the campus with nearly 60 pitches and welcomed over 700 buyers through the gate. Most of them left clutching armloads of bargains too! As usual we ran our own cafe providing very welcome teas, coffees, breakfast barmes and cakes. An army of volunteers were on hand to help with setting up, car parking, and running the cafe. £1,300 was raised for the Together Trust with many happy vendors taking home a nice profit and an emptier car boot!

Come and join us as a seller, buyer or volunteer! There are two more car boot sales to be held on the Together Trust campus on Schools Hill, Cheadle on **July 17th and September 11th**. Gates open to sellers at 8am and to buyers at 8:30am – the event ends at 1pm. Pitches are £10 and it is just 50p entry for adult buyers. So get clearing out your attics and garages now!



## Donation purchases specialist equipment

Thanks to a donation by the Booth Charities, Salford, we have been able to develop the garden of our newest residential home, Haines House.

The funding enabled us to lay the garden to lawn and plant hedging for privacy, creating a pleasant outdoor area. Additionally we were able to install a contemporary summerhouse for use as a 'safe space' for the young residents complete with comfy bean bag seating and a bike shed to keep bikes and outdoor equipment secure.



A very popular trampoline has been purchased, along with other items of indoor and outdoor leisure equipment which will keep young residents busy and give them opportunities to engage with each other and with staff in healthy and sociable activities.

## Get in touch

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## I would like to make a single donation

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## Leave the world a better place

There is nothing more rewarding than seeing someone break through barriers and take control of their life. You can help ensure that the Together Trust's work with disadvantaged young people continues long after you have gone. Once you have taken care of any loved ones in your Will, please consider leaving a gift to the Together Trust. One of the most amazing gifts you can give is to help a young person achieve their potential and it is a wonderful way to be remembered.



**For more information or a confidential conversation about leaving a gift in your Will please contact Sally Bowden, Fundraising Manager on 0161 283 4885 or [sally.bowden@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:sally.bowden@togethertrust.org.uk)**

## Everyone's a winner with the 50:50 lottery!

You could win one of five great cash prizes each month whilst raising money for a good cause. You donate a minimum £1.00 per month for a minimum 12 months (payment is by Direct Debit). This guarantees you one stake per month but you can purchase as many stakes per month as you wish, and obviously, the more stakes you have the more likely you are to be lucky! 50% of all contributions go to the Together Trust's vital work with children, young people and adults with complex needs and 50% is prize money.

You will be automatically entered into the monthly draw for your chance to win! Winners are notified personally of their win following each draw, and winning numbers are also posted on the website.

**Sign up today by contacting Julie Williams on 0161 283 4822 or [julie.williams@togethertrust.org.uk](mailto:julie.williams@togethertrust.org.uk)**

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