



CIDON GROUP Charity Newsletter

Review of 2018

Welcome to our charity newsletter for 2018, keeping you updated on what we have been up to and a summary so far of what we have achieved!

This year for our Make a Difference Campaign, we have nominated charities close to our hearts and within the local community, supporting them both practically and financially, meeting the direct needs for each charity.

Rotherham Fostering

In January we approached representatives from Rotherham Fostering to find out if there was any way in which Cidon could help and support them throughout the year. The latest government figures show there are over 75,000 children living in care in England, with the largest majority in care due to parental abuse and neglect.

The network of foster carers provide guidance, love and a safe and secure home for children in Rotherham.

This initial meeting started a year of activities and events to not only raise money but also raise awareness of fostering in Rotherham and the great work they do.



Rotherham Look After Children's Council (LACC)

The Looked After Children's Council are a group of young people who are in foster care or care leavers aged 11-18. Their focus is on raising awareness about things that matter to them and Looked

After Children. They run their own LACC meetings, set their own agendas, have their say on topics that matter to them and the children. It provides an outlet to influence decisions about how services are run.

Through the council, they asked us to support a number of relevant projects to get involved in. As there is currently no government funding available for any of these projects, all donations truly Made a Difference to the looked after children in Rotherham.

Ban the Black Bag - Suitcase Appeal!

A passionate plea was raised by the young people in care to ban the black bin bags when moving their personal belongings to a different placement.

They called for bin bags to be dumped from carrying their possessions between foster homes — saying: "Don't treat us like rubbish."

Cidon were challenged by LACC to secure 100 medium size hard shelled suitcases for these children by the end of 2018. We have now reached 80+ suitcases, and counting, hoping to reach our target by the turn of the year.

A special thanks to our suppliers, and employees who have contributed and



donated. You really have helped us make a difference for these children.



Suitcase appeal 2018

Foodie Fundraisers

During the course of the year, we ran a number of food related events to get everyone involved, both on site and head office. On site, our charity council have carried out tasty cake sales at break time, ready with a hot cuppa and a variety of sweet treats to choose from. The coffee mornings have raised over £600, thanks to our generous site team.



Who doesn't love a full English Breakfast at the office?

Our charity breakfast earlier in the year went down a treat, raising a staggering £755. To finish the year, we delivered a fantastic afternoon filled with curry, raffles and networking, raising £600 on the day.

Raffles and Gifts

Throughout the year, we have raised over £700 by drawing raffles for NFL Tickets, Word Cup Sweep Stakes and Handmade Christmas Hampers! Cidon have also purchased four Sheffield Steelers Season Tickets from Rotherham Fostering for our staff to enjoy.



NFL Wembley – Tickets raffled raising £180, thanks to VJ Technology for the tickets!

How has the money raised been used by Rotherham Fostering?

With the funds raised this year, we have supported the following:

- Purchase of additional suitcases to 'ban the black bin bags'.
- Finance the summer LACC trip to Skegness.
- Purchased a large Marquee, and supplied food and drink for the annual Foster Association camping weekend.
- Purchased a Santa Sleigh and Christmas tree for the Association's Christmas Party.
- Finance of all Christmas celebrations and gifts for the children.



Supporting Our Local Community

This Christmas, we have donated £250 to Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care. The SCCCC provides support and care to the older members of the community.

Additionally, we have supported Barnsley Foodbank throughout the year. We felt it was a great opportunity to support our local community this year in a practical way, with a large food donation box located in the reception area at Head Office.

The Foodbank provide parcels of three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. Thanks to all who donated.

A Summary of a Busy 2018:

Throughout the year, we have raised a staggering.....

£5500.00

All the funds raised have been given to our chosen charities. Your support really does make a difference! We wholeheartedly want to thank all our staff, clients and suppliers who have given their time and money so generously. We really could not do it without you. Keep informed on what we are doing by following us on Twitter or Facebook #makeadifference

Thank You



Here are some of the things we have been up to in 2018:



Wear your shorts to work for the day!



Steel City Rangers Under 12's sponsored kit



Barnsley Foodbank Donation



Jane and Steve volunteering at the LACC crafts evening and the Foster Association Christmas Party.

Hitting the Ground Running in 2019

Our charity council will reconvene in the New Year to bring new ideas, and put some dates in the diary for fundraising events throughout 2019.

Why not get involved, give something back, and make a difference with us in 2019? #makeadifference