



**Grand
Sovereign's
Care for
Children
Fund**

**Annual
Review
2024**



Introduction

The Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund was formed at the turn of the Millennium with the express intention and principle of using its assets for the relief and assistance of children. Since then, it has donated more than £400,000 to over 180 worthwhile causes and charities that directly impact upon and improve the social, educational and personal wellbeing of children throughout the world.

With almost 5,000 members in the Order, The Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund is expressly funded with donations from Worthy Knights and their families, and from Conclaves and Divisions, all conscious of the needs and challenges that children's charities face in these difficult times.



A Message from The Grand Sovereign

February 2025

Worthy Knights,

Firstly, my thanks to you all for your continued support of my Care for Children Fund in 2024.

As reported to Grand Imperial Conclave in July 2024, contributions and donations to the fund from Conclaves, Divisions and other personal contributions increased again to £30,672. With a similar increase in applications and grants, a total of £37,105 was paid out to 15 organisations all involved in the care and welfare of children.

These children, and the organisations that work to support them, continue to need our help and I am so pleased that you have continued this support for another year. I do hope that this can continue in future years as the calls on our fund will surely not go down.

As members of our beautiful Christian Order of Freemasonry you can all be justly proud of your role in keeping up the good works we are able to support, for those who need it most and who are among the most vulnerable in our society.

My Best Wishes to you all for a safe and healthy 2025.

Yours in Faith Unity and Zeal

M.Ill.Kt. Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.C.
Grand Sovereign



£37,105

15

**Children's
Charities
were
Assisted
in
2024**



**Note: The Order covers
only England and Wales**



£2,500 was given to The Kids Kabin

KidsKabin

Young people, their creativity and their communities are the heart of Kids Kabin. More young people have taken part in more workshops than ever before – 1,567 different people in over 1,000 sessions over the last year. Young people talk about their personal growth and learning – from practical skills and problem solving, to creative confidence and people skills.

Funds will go towards a key project they are fundraising for which is the delivery of a weekly programme of 'out of school creative workshops' in Walker, Byker, Cowgate, Pottery Bank and Daisy Hill in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Find out more: www.kidskabin.org.uk





An award of £2,700 was made to Kidney Wales



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SOUTH WALES & MONMOUTHSHIRE

KIDNEY WALES

Supporting art
therapy courses
for children with
chronic kidney
disease.

£2,700

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Cymru @MarkMasonsHall
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Kidney Wales is the leading kidney charity in Wales covering the South, West and East. They support over 500 children who are living with chronic kidney disease, along with their families in promoting excellence in kidney research, education, and treatment.

The Division is most supportive of the project for the delivery of three art therapy courses. The children who are nominated for each course will meet over 8 weeks.

Find out more: <https://kidneywales.cymru/>



Kidney
Wales



Aren
Cymru



£2,500 was awarded to the Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre



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WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION
FOREST OF DEAN COC

Supporting young
Children with
holiday
playscheme
and Stay &
Play sessions.

£2,500



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(Stroud Conclave No.360)

The Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre is a charitable organisation that provides care, support and facilities for children with additional needs. Their mission is to enable all children to grow and learn together in a childcare setting offering holiday playschemes and 'Stay & Play' sessions. From 3 months to preschool, there is a place for everyone at the Centre.

Find out more: <https://fodopportunitycentre.org/>





£2,500 to the Sandwell Young Carers



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WEST MIDLANDS DIVISION

Rose of Sharon Conclave No. 161

SANDWELL YOUNG CARERS

**Supporting young
carers aged 5-18
with respite breaks,
youth & play
sessions and
holiday schemes.**

£2,500

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**Rose of Sharon
Conclave No.161**

Sandwell Young Carers provides respite for young children aged 5-18 who act as carer for a sibling or parent. This has a major impact on their own life and the charity is there to provide some respite for these careers, through

- **Youth sessions for ages 11-18 years**
- **Play sessions for ages 5-11 years**
- **Holiday scheme**
- **Positive family activities**
- **Offsite day trips**
- **Study Support Workshops**
- **Transport**
- **Residential Breaks**



Find out more: www.sandwellyc.com



£3,000 awarded to The Joshua Tree



The Joshua Tree provides bespoke programmes of support to improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health of all immediate and extended family members who are affected by childhood cancers.

Find out more: <https://thejoshuatree.org.uk/>



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OF NORTH WALES

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THE JOSHUA TREE

Providing new
equipment for
the Joshua
Tree Support
Centre

£3,000



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The Chailey Heritage Foundation receives £2,500



The charity offers an Ofsted-outstanding special school, a children's home and residential accommodation for young adults up to 25 years of age, as well as day services and activity sessions for disabled adults from the local community. It supports around 200 young people with disabilities every year. The excellent facilities and services have been built up over many years thanks to the support of local people, businesses and other organisations such as the Freemasons.

The £2,500 donation will be spent on a specialist shower trolley for the Aquatics Centre. The new shower trolley will be used by the charity's school pupils and residents with timetabled pool sessions every week and family sessions in the school holidays, as well as "Aquamovers" sessions for families with a disabled pre-school child.

Find out more: <https://chf.org.uk/>





£2,500 was awarded to The Children's Trust



Every year 40,000 children in the UK are left with a brain injury because of an accident or illness and it can be devastating – they may no longer be able to walk, talk, stand, sit, or feed themselves – sometimes all these abilities.

At The Children's Trust, the aim is to help rebuild as many of their skills as possible, as well as their self-esteem. A child's confidence is central to that relearning.

They help children do this through play, exploration, laughter and having fun; things that are often absent when a child has limited mobility or has had a challenging time. By combining music, singing, arts and crafts, day trips and other activities, with therapy, healthcare and education, children do not focus on what they cannot do, they just do it and have fun.

These funds will pay for a specialist equipment called an SAT Monitor: This is a vital piece of equipment enables constant monitoring of oxygen levels for the children and young people supported by the charity.

Find out more: www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk



**£905 was awarded
to the
Goole Town Tigers
Junior Football Club**



Goole Town Tigers JFC is a grass-roots football club in Goole, East Riding of Yorkshire, established in 2000. They offer football for various age groups, from Under 6s to Under 16s, including girls' teams. The club is FA accredited and participates in the Selby & District Junior Football League and the West Riding Girls League.

The Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund is delighted to help the team with funds for new equipment including a team bench, hoodies and jackets for all 16 players.

Find out more: www.gooletowntigers.co.uk



An award of £2,500 made to the Northern Lights Children's Charity



The charity provides a unique, once in a lifetime experience for children with life limiting conditions by taking them to either Lapland or Disney World. Last year they took a party of 20 children to Lapland complete with carers and medical staff. Funding paid for one of those children to have the trip of a lifetime.

Find out more: www.northernlightscharity.org.uk

£2,500 awarded to The Devon County Guides Association (Okehampton Unit)



The funds to be used towards the procurement and establishment of a replacement Girl Guides Hut in Okehampton, Devon. The project will benefit girls from Okehampton and the wider community from the ages of 4 to 18, plus additional youth organisations, such as the Ten Tors Teams and young people working towards Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Find out more: <https://devonguides.org.uk/divisions/okehampton>



An award of £2,500 made to the Rainbow Stars Children's Charity in Sleaford

This charity is an inclusive and friendly community group providing support for parents, carers, siblings, and individuals with disabilities or those seeking a diagnosis. The Sleaford hub offers events for all ages and abilities, including a fabulous multi-sensory room.

Find out more: <https://rainbowstarslincs.co.uk>

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£3,000 Awarded to Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Young Carers (GYGYC)



Division of East Anglia



GYGYC

GYGYC provides a seamless service for young carers (YC 5 -17) and Young Adult Carers (YAC 18 to 21) in the Borough of Great Yarmouth. It offers age specific Peer Groups, a one-to-one mentoring scheme and small groups in schools and colleges across the Borough.

Find out more: <https://gygyc.co.uk>



An award of £2,500 made to the Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity

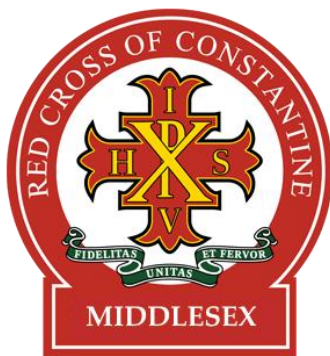
The aim of the Charity is to brighten the lives of seriously ill children across the UK aged three to 18 by granting wishes and providing ongoing support in hospitals.

There are over 85,000 children and young people living in the UK with a life-threatening or life-limiting illness-. This figure is increasing every year.

We believe that every child deserves to experience happiness and put their illness on hold – even if it is just for one day.

The funds will be used for their annual 2024 Festive Afternoon Tea at Eastwell Manor, Kent.

Find out more: <https://raysofsunshine.org.uk/>





An award of £2,500 made to the Children's Charity Merseyside

The objectives of the charity are to relieve the needs of children and young people in Merseyside and surrounding areas. Funding will pay for 100 children to attend their annual Christmas Party at the Hilton in Liverpool with a sit-down lunch, entertainment and dancing followed by a visit from Father Christmas. They all go home with a goody bag of sweets and craft items.



DIVISION OF
WEST LANCASHIRE

Also, to benefit will be a young football team in Garston providing football kit. They have also been asked to sponsor a team in Prescot, where there is a Red Cross Conclave (Prescot Conclave No.291).



Childrens
Charity
Merseyside

Find out more: www.childrenscharitymerseyside.co.uk

£2,500 awarded to the Children's Links Charity

Funding will support their free-to-use library and family mentoring sessions. their Toy Library in Lincoln, which provides a safe, welcoming and friendly space for families with young children to attend and play. The aim is to be fully inclusive and accessible to all, with staff selected and trained to support families to access the full range of services provided by the charity and to provide specialist apparatus such as electric changing tables, hoist and sensory equipment.

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Lincolnshire

Find out more: www.childrenslinks.org.uk





Your Donations Received in 2024/25

Conclaves

162 William de Irwin.....	400.00
174 Chester.....	500.00
245 Macclesfield.....	200.00
249 Morning Star.....	250.00
256 Deeside.....	250.00
273 Kenlis.....	250.00
284 Northampton.....	250.00
291 Prescott.....	600.00
338 Amity.....	100.00
339 St Frideswide.....	100.00
355 Swinton.....	906.00
363 King Ina.....	500.00
372 St Paul's.....	500.00
376 Breckland.....	1,000.00
379 Grand Sepulchre Guard.....	250.00
381 Holy Peace.....	500.00
382 Neston.....	280.00
387 Rose and Lily.....	200.00
398 Cathedral.....	200.00
427 St Gregory.....	500.00
432 Conclave of the Resurrection.....	250.00
452 Astley.....	100.00
457 Amulet.....	200.00
468 University.....	250.00
474 Divisional Recorders.....	250.00
480 St Matthias.....	500.00
481 Crux Rubra.....	200.00
486 Somerset and Bristol Sovereigns.....	400.00
499 Conclave of Ascension.....	100.00
500 Grand Sovereign's.....	2,383.00
503 Labarum Guard.....	250.00
504 Caesarmagus.....	1,000.00
511 Essex Enthroned Sovereigns.....	250.00
524 Burton Lazars.....	700.00
532 Seven Hills.....	200.00



Divisions

Benelux.....	400.00
Derbyshire.....	1,000.00
Devon and Cornwall.....	200.00
Dorset & Wiltshire.....	250.00
Hampshire & Isle of Wight.....	1,000.00
Hertfordshire.....	350.00
Metropolitan.....	850.00
North and East Yorkshire.....	500.00
Northumberland.....	400.00
North Wales.....	1,000.00
Thames.....	100.00
Somerset and Bristol.....	500.00
Surrey.....	1,000.00
Sussex.....	145.00
Sussex (joint venture with Mark, KT, RSM and RCC).....	540.00
West Lancashire.....	500.00
West Midlands.....	1,500.00
West Yorkshire.....	500.00

Personal Donations

N J Alder.....	275.00
D C Hughes.....	40.00
S H Madgin.....	120.00
R J Rew.....	50.00
M R Walker.....	60.00
D C Zafeiroudīs.....	35.00

Total Donations Received.....£27,701.00

Bank Interest Received.....£688.00

Overall Total.....£28,389.00



How to Make a Request for Funding

The Fund makes donations to Charities and other organisations whose work is directly concerned with the welfare and care of children.

Funding is not made for things such as conference costs, fund raising events, salaries or general charity running costs.

Please note that if any charity nominated by your Division that has successfully received a grant in the previous 2 years, then the application will not be accepted.

If you are unclear as to whether your request will be eligible, please contact Darren Coleman-Heald, Charities Manager at Mark Masons' Hall on 020 7747 1187 or email d.coleman@mmh.org.uk

Once a suitable children's charity has been identified then a written proposal should be put together which should include the following information:

- How much the request is for
- What the funds to be used for
- Who will benefit from the grant
- What is the aim of the charity and who does it help
- Any other supporting documentation such as flyers, brochures, quotes or invoices.

The information should then be submitted to your Divisional Recorder to be reviewed and endorsed by the Intendant-General.

Once approved, the documents will then be forwarded to Darren Coleman-Heald, Charities Manager at Grand Imperial Conclave, Mark Masons' Hall, by email d.coleman@mmh.org.uk for consideration.

The more information about your charity that you can provide, the easier it will be for a decision to be reached.

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