

# ROSIE'S HELPING HANDS

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2010

2010 has been another amazing year for the charity, we are extremely grateful of everyone's support and to local businesses, who have 'adopted' the charity for a year.

The generosity shown by local event organisers with the donation of venues, together with individuals offering their talents and time as volunteers has enabled some great and well attended events to take place.

The money raised is really making a difference to local projects, giving children and young people the opportunity to participate in activities or receive specialist support, that would otherwise not be available.

Some of the projects that have recently received a helping hand are highlighted in this newsletter along with forthcoming events and ideas for Christmas.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and 2011.

With our very best wishes,

*Karen & Sean Ross*

## Spotlight on The Swing Project



Counsellors at the Swing Project

Rosie's Helping Hands provides continuous support to a few projects year on year. The Swing is one such project, part of Walsall Bereavement Support Services charity based in the town centre. Rosie's Helping Hands supports The Swing by helping to provide free workshops and professional counselling for children and young people. Last year The Swing helped 181 youngsters come to terms with the loss of a parent or close relative.

## Shop for Christmas in relaxing surroundings

**Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto Sunday 21st November** at Aldridge Compass Suites, Masonic Hall, The Green Aldridge. From 11am till 4pm. Please come along and browse stalls where local suppliers of craft and food will be selling quality gifts. Children can visit Father Christmas in his Grotto and have their photo taken. Crèche facilities will be provided by ABC Childcare leaving you free to browse. Refreshments will be on sale too. Admission to the fair is £1 for adults. There will be a small charge to visit Santa.

## Christmas Quiz

**Fun Quiz Night Friday 26th November** at Aldridge Social Club. A cheap alternative to a Christmas party bring your friends, work colleagues and family along to this fun night out. Quiz starts at 7.30pm prompt. Teams of 4 to 6 people. Tickets priced £2.50 per head available from Karen, telephone 01922 456398.

## Christmas Cards made easy



To raise money for Rosie's Helping Hands over Christmas an easy way is to request this large Christmas card from us for your club, place of Worship, or workplace. With plenty of space for people to write a message to friends and colleagues in return for a donation. Saves writing and sending out lots of cards. Last year over £1,000 was raised. Please contact Karen Ross for more details.

[charit@cards](mailto:charit@cards)

Alternatively you can send unlimited E-cards in return for a donation at Charitecards through their website at [www.chartiecards.com](http://www.chartiecards.com) there is a link from our website too.

## Christmas Pressie idea



We have teamed up with Kully a House Of Colour Image Consultant again to offer you all a great opportunity to invest in yourself, or buy someone a fantastic gift that will last a lifetime.

Why not transform your life, your confidence and your wardrobe with one of her classes by discovering the colours that make you look healthy, younger and vibrant. This really is the perfect Christmas gift and a great way to end 2010.

Special Offer - Buy a gift voucher or book a class and get a free pashmina in your colours plus a glow ball for Christmas. £5 will be donated to the charity for every booking made. Contact - Kulwinder Dhillon.

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## New beginnings bring smiles to young lives

The Avenues Tenants Association in Brownhills near Walsall have done much over the years to improve their area and provide facilities for residents. Parents requested a Parent and Toddler group to enable children to socialize with others and have access to activities to help their development and prepare them for nursery school. Volunteers asked if Rosie's Helping Hands could help meet the costs of suitable toys and equipment to enable the group to start in September and we were delighted to help. We wish them every success with their new venture.

Rosie's Helping Hands enjoys a close association with Birmingham City Hospital and has received marvelous support from staff and patients at City as well as Sandwell and Rowley Regis hospitals. The charity recently donated a large box full of various sensory toys along with a dark den, complete with glow in the dark sensory toys, for the new children's play area being developed at Sandwell Hospital. Whilst the new area is being completed patients on the Children's Ward are thoroughly enjoying the dark den and all the exciting toys!

We shall be once again supporting 4 Steps To A Smile Appeal in buying Christmas presents for children and teenagers spending Christmas in Children's Homes across the West Midlands. Last year 3,000 youngsters received their only Christmas present through the appeal.

Teenagers with Walsall Truman Trust received funding to renew their Skippers License to enable them to start organising taking young Volunteers by narrowboat from Walsall to the Olympic Village for the 2012 games.

## Rosie's Walkers stride towards target

Once again fantastic support for Rosie's Walk has helped to raise over £13,000 in donations, sponsor money and Gift Aid so far. There are a few pledges outstanding which once received will mean our target of £15,000 will have been reached!! Much of this amount has been raised through lots of small donations, however there has been some exceptional fundraisers who deserve a special mention; Caroline Larkin raised a terrific £700. Sue Stevens collected £500 in sponsors from her work colleagues at RBS Brindley Place and St Phillips Place in Birmingham. Nigel Jones collected £250 from family and friends which his employer Rotometrics International kindly match funded. Sue Andrews collected £350 in sponsors. Our sincere and grateful thanks to everyone who supported the event.

## Rosie's garden gets a mini make-over

Walsall Police joined forces with the Princes Trust & Wolverhampton University to provide young unemployed people the opportunity to be part of a team programme, gaining valuable work experience, raising self confidence and building self esteem. As part of their challenge to help others they held a fundraising car wash to buy materials to tidy up Rosie's Garden used by students at Aldridge School.

## Our Friends Are Growing



We are very pleased to welcome our newest supporter to the Friends Scheme. At just 11 years old Natasha donates some of her pocket money each month to help support the work of the charity. Giving regularly is very easy to set up by Standing Order. You can give whatever amount you wish and stop donations at any time. Every little helps.

Please telephone or email Karen Ross for a Standing Order form. Internet users can join through our website at [www.rosieshelpinghands.org](http://www.rosieshelpinghands.org).

## Forthcoming Events

Back by popular demand **Rod Stewart Tribute Night** on **8th April** at The Lazy Hill Pub, Aldridge. To reserve your tickets at £10 each please contact Karen Ross. (01922 456398)

The 10th annual Rosie's Charity Walk will take place on Sunday 17th July at Aldridge Airport.

We are also planning a Ladies Pamper Night in the Spring followed by another Fashion Show later in the year.

## Donations received

Tarmac Limited in Walsall recently presented a cheque to Rosie's Helping Hands for £1,000. This came from employees fundraising initiative of selling scrap iron and metal work they recycled whilst relaying and upgrading local roads. We are very grateful to the staff at Tarmac for choosing Rosie's charity to receive this wonderful donation.

During August customers visiting Waitrose in Lichfield very generously raised a wonderful £540 for the charity.

**Help save the charity money by receiving newsletters by email.** Please email Karen at [Mail@rosieshelpinghands.org](mailto:Mail@rosieshelpinghands.org). with your name and postal address to receive newsletter and updates by email. Thank You.