

East Renfrewshire Good Causes

Cost: £5,000

Project name: ERGC Love Your Neighbour Club

Project location: East Renfrewshire



What is your project?

We look to provide a variety of different gift packs (sensory/household cleaning – toiletries groceries/family activity packs) to households identified by frontline workers from the state and 3rd sector groups to low income households which covers all of the priority cases listed below.

We will also add in donated goods collected from the community via school collections, drop off points in existing CO-OP/RBS donation points we already have, the whole £5,000 will be spent in East Renfrewshire helping people living in a street near you.

Who is the project for?

We help individuals from autistic kids to pensioners with dementia, and all else in between.

We cover any local unmet needs covering homelessness, disabled, exclusion, isolation etc. and look to love our neighbours to show we care.

CHARITY'S £1.6M MILESTONE

A local charity is celebrating its 15th anniversary with news of reaching a £1.6 million milestone of good deeds.

East Renfrewshire Good Causes (ERGC) has helped 5413 individuals since it was founded in 2007.

The charity has also recently expanded its operating area to include other local authority areas in Scotland, including Glasgow, Renfrewshire and South Lanarkshire to name a few.

Some of the varied and, in some cases, potentially life-changing ways the "good neighbour club" has provided help within the last six months include working with a qualified physiotherapist to provide a trial anti-gravity treadmill session for a cancer patient; working with an occupational therapist to provide a smart baby monitor for a low income family with a child with complex medical needs; part funding a wet floor shower for a disabled pensioner on very low income; and grass cutting for a



severely disabled former services person, who was injured while serving overseas.

ERGC was launched by Russell Macmillan, a registered blind man from Newton Mearns, after he received a type 1 diabetes curing pancreas and kidney transplant.

He said: "Guided by my Christian faith and thanks to the two organs living on inside me, I want to help other people by carrying out acts of kindness in memory of the sadly deceased organ donor."

"To surpass gifting £1.6 million in goods and services to deserving individuals as identified by trained frontline workers was beyond my wildest dreams. To think those two organs have now helped more than 5400 individuals is a modern day miracle."

If you want to support the ongoing work of East Renfrewshire Good Causes or you would like to find out more, see: www.ergoodcauses.co.uk or email Russell at info@ergoodcauses.co.uk.

