

THE FAMILY HAVEN

helping vulnerable families to a brighter future

NEW FUNDRAISING MANAGER



I would like to introduce myself as the new fundraising manager for The Family Haven. I started in November 2009 and already feel as if I have been here years !! My previous experience has been as a Development Manager for a school, preparing and securing lottery funding for one of the first academy school in Bristol and organising sporting and cultural events for a hospitality business in Cheltenham. I decided last Aug. that I needed a new challenge in my life and I think I have found it here at The Family Haven.

I have come to appreciate that the work undertaken at 31 Spa Road, Gloucester is invaluable to the families who attend. The Staff are non judgemental, supportive and considerate to the parents while the nursery staff are fun, understanding and tolerant to the needs of the Children, who wouldn't want to work at and support such an amazing charity?

I have made it my first priority to increase support from local companies, schools and groups and to raise the profile of The Family Haven in the community. I for one am embarrassed to say that I was not aware of the existence of The Family Haven and I have worked and lived in Gloucester for 22 years.

I would be delighted to hear from any one who wants to donate time, experience, ideas, equipment and of course those who would like to give financially—just give me a call on 01452 528692.

Best wishes

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Fundraising Manager

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Christmas 2009 at TFH



Christmas is a busy time and especially at The Family Haven. We had two children's Christmas parties, two adult Christmas parties, an outing to Clearwell Caves, an outing to the grotto at Eastgate Mall. Santa visited us twice and gave out presents to all the children, staff dressed up in Hawaiian fancy dress and lots and lots of chocolate was consumed. We had table top sales in Painswick at their Christmas markets and we held a tombola at the Gloucester Charities market in King's square on a very cold snowy day. Roll on December 2010 and any sensible fancy dress suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following who all donated items towards our Christmas appeal and

made the above possible. Your support is greatly appreciated and invaluable. The Mothers Union, Sainsbury's Barnwood, Pound Farm Shop, Mears Group, Tesco's St Oswalds Road, The Eastgate Mall Shopping Centre, Collicut Meats, The Gloucester Lions, Ecclesiastical and the many generous schools, churches and individuals.

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Charity for 2010 and beyond

We are very pleased to announce that The Family Haven have been chosen by Marks & Spencer Outlet Gloucester Quays and Gloucester Cathedral as their Charity of the Year for 2010.

The staff at Marks & Spencer Outlet Gloucester Quays have actively started work on several fundraising projects including a sponsored weight loss, a staff quiz night and an Easter egg collection. They also gave up a valuable weekend off work to redecorate out cot and baby room. THANK YOU

Envesca who provide specialist training in food hygiene and health and safety have decided to adopt The Family Haven as their permanent charity. They raised funds prior to Christmas to pay for the transport to Clearwell Caves to see Santa!!

Clearwell Caves



DIYSOS

Wednesday 25th November 2009 was certainly a day to remember for all at The Family Haven as we were visited and filmed by DIYSOS for the Kids in Crisis Christmas Special. The film crew arrives with Mark Millar one of the presenter / craftsmen from the show. A great time was had by all and our own stars of the show were Gill, Deputy Manager and three of our parents who attend The Family Haven, Lorraine, Charmaine and Sara. The Show was shown on BBC 1 on December 10th and we received far more airtime than expected.

We are planning on putting a clip of the show on our website in the near future, so you will be able to view it online.



Its Voucher Time Again

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids and Tesco's for Schools & Clubs vouchers. Please please don't turn them down at the tills, ask your friends, colleagues and neighbours to collect them on our behalf. They are a really precious resource as they can provide us with valuable new equipment.



New books are Haven sent

Story time has just got more interesting after we received eleven new books.

The 11 books were donated by Mini-IQ.



Sally Jackman and Elaine Wan of Mini IQ, Haven Centre's Leanne Beresford, with Rafferty, 3 years old, Jasmine, 2 years old, and Alisha, 4 years old.

Teddy Bear Picnic



One of our themes for the month of March was a 'Teddy Bear Day.' Most of the children and staff remembered to bring in their teddies. Everyone sang teddy bear songs, listened to teddy bear stories and during circle time talked about their much loved teddies.

The day before the event some of the children went shopping to buy the food for their picnic, so on the morning of the 3rd March the food was prepared by all and everyone including the teddies enjoyed a picnic lunch of ham and cheese wraps, cucumber, carrot sticks and baby tomatoes.



Getting in the swing



Maria Ostrowska (middle) with Leanne Beresford (Nursery Nurse), left and Shelby Gough, right.

Children and parents got into the festive spirit with an Hawaiian themed Christmas party. Every year the staff always dress up in a different theme. This year 2009 we chose a Hawaiian and Caribbean theme, which gave everyone a laugh. Because of the amount of families we had two separate Christmas parties



Dazzled: Morgan Roberts at the Hawaiian themed party.

Past Events 2009

Table top Sales

Quedgeley

A wonderful array of stallholders packed the Quedgeley Village Hall on November 4th, 2009 for a Shopping Evening on behalf of The Family Haven.

The event was well attended and all entrants received a goody bag packed with money off vouchers and gifts donated by the stallholders. It was an opportunity to start the Christmas Shopping and enjoy a glass of wine with friends in a relaxed stress free atmosphere.

Painswick

Thanks to the wonderful support The Family Haven get from inhabitants of Painswick. We were invited to attend two Table Top sales prior to Christmas in Painswick Town Hall. These were manned by volunteers who sold our Christmas cards and previously donated unwanted gifts. These events are so important for generating income, our thanks go to the ladies who kindly gave up their time on our behalf.

King's Square Charity Market

On a very cold day in December we were allocated a stall at the Gloucester Charity Market. We decided to run a Tombola and 'everyone was a winner', we raised £130.00.

All the above events provide valuable income and public exposure to the work undertaken at The Family Haven. So if you have any unwanted gifts or new items we would be more than happy to take them off your hands and put them in store for future events.

Become A Friend of The Family Haven

Why become a Friend? As a Friend of The Family Haven you will be supporting the trustees and staff in helping provide the services our families so desperately need. Your regular subscriptions and offers of voluntary help are invaluable and support us in delivering our aims.

On February 11th we held the first of our Friends and Volunteers evening to say a big thank you for their continued support. Over 30 people attended, enjoyed refreshments (some of which had been made in parenting classes) and had a tour of the centre. It proved to be a very successful event and we are intending to organise another event in the summer.

2010 Events Calendar

Future events and dates for your diary

Cheltenham North Rotary Cycle Challenge
Sunday 2nd May 2010

An Evening with Sir Geoff Hurst—Gloucester Rugby Club—Monday May 17th 2010.

Cheltenham Circular Challenge
20th June 2010

Westonbirt Concerts Hospitality Packages JLS, Status Quo and James Morison are in concert from 16/18th July 2010. We will receive a donation for every hospitality package sold through The Family Haven.

The Sixth Wife—The story of Katherine Parr includes songs and music from the time of King Henry VIII - by Alison Neil—Friday 24th September 2010—Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House. Tickets on sale to include interval drink and nibbles £12.50 each.

Collecting at **Sainsbury's Barnwood**
Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th December 2010
volunteers required.

They think its all over.....it is now!

Those immortal words will never be forgotten after Geoff Hurst hammered home England's winning goal in the final of the 1966 World Cup.

The Family Haven are proud to present

AN EVENING WITH SIR GEOFF HURST

Gloucester Rugby Club

Monday May 17th



In the final few days before the 2010 World Cup you can spend an evening in the company of Sir Geoff as he talks about his career, that pivotal match and England's chances in South Africa.

Tickets are £55 each to include a three course meal and £495 for a table of ten

Call Carole on 01452 528692 to reserve your table

This event is proudly sponsored by

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How You Can Help

Volunteers are always needed so if you have a spare morning and enjoy spending time with pre school children, or in a kitchen or with a paint brush or just happy to help at a fund-raising event then please give us a call.

Walk or run in the Cheltenham Circular Challenge or cycle the Cheltenham North Rotary Cycle Challengewhat better way to shape up for summer than to prepare for a marathon, or part of it. We are getting a team of friends, volunteers and staff together who will all walk or run or cycle on our behalf and obtain sponsorship for doing so.

Attend an event ...

If you do not feel energetic but enjoy socialising then please join us at one of our events.

If you have any questions about any of the events we have planned or if you wish to pay us a visit please do not hesitate to contact me on 01452 528692 or email carole@thefamilyhaven.com

I look forward to hearing from you.