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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.

Call 01452 422971 for an application form or download it from <http://bit.ly/YtnESd>



We held an event in May to thank our supporters, volunteers and friends.

Our Patron resigned



Our Patron, Kate Winslet, resigned January 2013 as she has started her own charity and needs to dedicate her energies to that. We wish her every success.

Our Supporters

We would like to thank the following organisations who supported us financially with donations in excess of £3,000 during the financial year. The Henry Smith Charity, BBC Children in Need, Peter Lang Children’s Trust, The Summerfield Trust, Gloucestershire Community Foundation, Gloucester City Council, The Notgrove Trust, The Gyde Charitable Trust, The Barbara Ward Children’s Foundation, CHK Charities Ltd, The Clover Trust, The Spirax Sarco Charitable Trust and The Park Family Trust.

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 fundraising event then please give us a call.

Walk or run in the Cheltenham Circular Challenge or cycle the Cheltenham North Rotary Cycle Challenge what 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. 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, would like to organise an event for us, or if you wish to pay us a visit please do not hesitate to contact me on 01452 528692 or email debbie@thefamilyhaven.com. My working days are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie

Changes:

Trustees In April, Nick Bury became Chair of Trustees and Robin Buchanan became Deputy Chair. Gillian Lunn remains a trustee.

Staff Hazel and Jodie are acting Nursery Manager as Helen is on maternity leave.

Michelle Bishop joins us as maternity cover Nursery Nurse.

We would like to congratulate Helen on the birth of her lovely son Joshua.

Staff and Trustee

During the last year there have been staff and trustee changes.

Farewell to:

Trustees David Riggs and Sylvia Odell stepped down.

Staff Carole Smith, fundraising manager left in June.

Welcome to our new Trustees



Gerald Holyhead—New Treasurer,



Theo Platt— New Fundraising Trustee

Forest of Dean Half Marathon

Our new Trustee Theo shed blood sweat and tears for us in the Forest of Dean half marathon and raised over £800.00.

Staff



Debbie Nevin joined as our new fundraiser in August 2012 to replace Carole, she is new to fundraising but has ten years experience supporting fundraisers using Donor Strategy software.

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Vacancy—if you are interested in becoming a Trustee we have a vacancy, please contact us.

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WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!



To celebrate we want to make a cookbook to sell to raise money and we’d love to include your recipes.

It could be your favourite dish from home, the easiest thing you cook, the best budget meal you make, a family favourite, or a great recipe your children love.

We need to know:

- Where it comes from (did someone else write it? We might need their permission to print it.)
- What ingredients and how much of each
- How you make it
- Why you’ve chosen this recipe – e.g.“ My children love this one and always ask for more”

Our deadline is end June.

Thanks, Debbie



25th Anniversary Fundraising Events

What do you want to do?

- We’d love you to run a coffee morning, afternoon tea, cocktails and canapés type of event and raise money for us there—we have a fundraising pack with ideas coming soon.
- Fancy running a car boot stall or market stall in King’s Square for us? We have lots of donations of items that the families don’t need that we can give you to sell on our behalf.
- If you’re in for a bigger challenge we have signed up with Charity Challenge who run epic challenge events such as canoeing the Zambezi. Check our website.

Day Trips and Parties

2012

February : Roves Farm Park



April : Easter Party



July : Ramadan



August : Cotswold Farm Park and Hop, Skip and Jump



September : Rosh Hashanah

October: Halloween Party ,Newbridge Farm Park and Hop, Skip and Jump

November : Divali

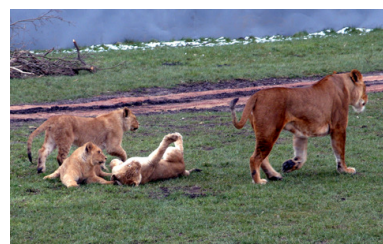
2013

January : Hop, Skip and Jump



March : West Midlands Safari Park

Our most recent trip to West Midlands Safari Park was one of our most popular yet. Many of the parents had never been to a Safari Park and a good time was had by all.



The day trips are free to our families and we try to raise donations to help fund them and give them a chance to go somewhere that is normally outside their budget. If you would like to help fund a day trip or party please contact us.

Past Events Calendar



Winter Wonderland at Blooms

Running from 17th November to Christmas Eve, our fantastic volunteer elves helped run Santa's Grotto at Blooms showing children through the Winter Wonderland and helping them pick a toy from Santa. We raised £8313 from this event which involved nearly 70 volunteers.



Snowdrop Teas at Colesbourne Gardens

Over 24 volunteers helped us by making cakes and running the tea shop over the weekend of 16th February. We were lucky with the good weather and raised £2515.

Cheltenham Circular Challenge

Staff from The Family Haven and Barclay's raised £1325

Three Peaks Challenge

Tony Bowden and his team raised a fantastic £1690.47 completing the Three Peak Challenge in July.

Zumbathon

A team of fundraisers from Brunson, the Gloucester insurance and financial services brokers, raised £1360 in a gruelling three hour Zumbathon at the Abbeydale Sports and Community Centre.

Let us know about events you are running or attending to raise money for us and we can promote them on our website, facebook and twitter (where appropriate).

Nursery Refurbishment

Last year the Nursery underwent a wonderful transformation. Gloucester Round Table very kindly donated money to the nursery for a total refurbishment of both nursery rooms.

The rooms were cleared of all nursery equipment and the staff worked hard at getting the rooms ready for the workmen to begin. Both the baby room and the nursery room were fully decorated; painted throughout and new display boards installed.

The snack preparation area is located in the main nursery room; this has had the greatest modification. We have had a complete kitchen area fitted; this now gives us a prep area, storage cupboards top and bottom and a new sink. This is such a huge advantage to the nursery, as we have more space to prepare snacks and drinks. Staff are able to securely store items in the ample cupboard space. This newly installed kitchen area has transformed the feel of the nursery, together with the freshly decorated rooms; we have a nursery that has had a new lease of life.

We have also put in place blinds for all the nursery windows. This has benefitted the children greatly. The baby room in particular is easier to keep cool and obscure the light when babies are sleeping.

At the same time as all of the refurbishments were taking place, we were kindly donated a new baby changing unit. This was made by Mark who is the husband of Tracey Brazil one of our nursery volunteers.

On behalf of The Family Haven Nursery team I would like to thank everyone involved in helping to change the nursery into the warm, fresh feeling establishment it has become. Gloucester Round Table has been incredibly generous and this has enabled the much needed facelift to be achieved.

Helen Jackson, Nursery Manager

"The Nursery is now even more warm and welcoming for the children"



The Family Haven goes Digital

In the past year we have been making moves to update our online profile. You may have already seen our updated website www.thefamilyhaven.com

There are many other ways to find us online now, including Facebook and Twitter.

You may also donate online in a variety of ways, some not costing you money!: Donate via:

- Local Giving
- The Big Give
- My Donate (BT)
- Everyclick

If you are taking part in an event you can create your own fundraising page on these sites as well so your supporters can sponsor you online.

You can fundraise without spending money via:

- Everyclick search engine
- Shop online with Give as you Live
- Donate your car with Give a Car
- Buy greetings cards online at Charity Greetings

Other ways to give include:

- Payroll Giving via your employer
- Leave a legacy—there is a link on our website to advice on adding a codicil to your will.

Please check online for other ideas.

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