

The Gift that keeps on Giving

Christmas is the time of year our thoughts turn towards giving to others – family, friends and even strangers. We are very lucky at The Family Haven to be at the forefront for many generous donors.

Giving isn't just for Christmas. Have you considered leaving a gift in your will? You could give vulnerable families a chance at a brighter future, helping them through their most desperate times and enabling them to blossom.

Any gift can help. And you'll know that one day, when your life is over, you'll still be playing your part to make sure disadvantaged families get the help and support they need to make a better life.

To find out how, contact Debbie on 01452 528692, Debbie@thefamilyhaven.com or go to www.thefamilyhaven.com/how-you-can-help/leave-a-legacy

Christmas 2014

**Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat.....
Please put a penny in The Family Haven's Hat
If you haven't got a penny.....an hour of time will do..
If you haven't got an hour.....
Then GOD BLESS YOU.....**

Seriously though we appreciate all the help you have given us during the year at The Family Haven, whether you volunteer your time, or have donated unwanted items, gifts and money. Everyone can help us especially at this time of giving and hope for the future by providing a small gift or box of chocolates for the parents or a small toy for the children. Festive food is always appreciated as we provide Christmas parties for both parents and children.

The staff, trustees, parents and children of The Family Haven would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



2014 Events Calendar

Future events and dates for your Diary

Saturday 22nd November – We will have a Stall at Gloucester Gate Streets Victorian Market

Saturday 29th November – Bag packing at B&M, Eastern Avenue

Friday 5th December – The Tall Ship (Southgate Street) Charity Night from 7pm lots of fun and entertainment

Saturday 13th December – We will have a Stall at Gloucester Cathedral Christmas Market.

Become A Friend

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>



Harvest 2014

The Management Committee, Staff and families of The Family Haven would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your Harvest donations.

This is a busy time for us but we look forward to it, as your generosity will help us to continue to provide nutritious meals for our families and children.



THE FAMILY HAVEN

Helping vulnerable families to a brighter future for 25 years

Families attending The Family Haven finally get a well deserved new kitchen.

Newsletter

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Thanks again to all who sponsored our supporter Jess Beach when she ran the Milton Keynes Marathon raising over £1000. The initial £500 is going towards our Christmas outing to Clearwell Caves. The remainder means we have been able to re-fit the Client's Kitchen thanks to the many hours of work by our trustee Brian and volunteer Gary. The kitchen was dark (despite the bright yellow) and the head space a little cramped for our taller visitors. We now have a lovely open space with lots of light, easy to keep clean and plenty of room.

Donations we receive are precious and we do our best to make them go as far as possible.



Staff members from Ecclesiastical donate their time to paint a Mural for the children.

A team of volunteers designed and painted a fantastic mural to brighten up the outside area, in preparation for the makeover due to start in November on the outdoor play area. After their hard work, some of the staff also provided the food and drinks for the children's trip to Canop Ponds in the Forest of Dean (Photo's on page 2). The Family Haven would like to say a big thank you.



The Children enjoy an outing to Gloucester Cathedral Sculpture Exhibition—September 11th, 2014

Some of the children enjoying an outing to Gloucester Cathedral Sculpture Exhibition.



Nursery Staff and some of our children enjoyed a trip to Canop Ponds in the Forest of Dean—October 3rd, 2014

Some of the children enjoyed a trip to Canop Ponds in the Forest of Dean. The children totally enjoyed the splashing about in water, their picnic especially the ice cream and blowing bubbles supplied by staff of Ecclesiastical.



Outreach Family Support Worker



My name is Lucy Pearce. I am the Outreach Family Support Worker at The Family Haven. One of my roles is to provide outreach to other local voluntary groups, to provide the groups with childcare support and to reach other local families. On Tuesday mornings I help out at the Salvation Army toddler group.

On Friday afternoons I go to GARAS (Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) where I provide a crèche for mums who want to learn English. Up until Christmas I am also going to GARAS on a Wednesday to run a crèche whilst some mums access advice from a nurse about any women's personal issues they might have and others attend a sewing group.

Once a month I go to Caradise House, a Gloucester City Homes project, to meet any new parents that might need to access our services.

I am also responsible for introducing new families to The Family Haven as well as showing visitors around to showcase our services.



Tillot, Davies & Partners and Gloucester Quays presents cheque.



Davies and Partners in Gloucester helped save and relaunch the Gloucester 10K run and the event took place on 13 July 2014. The event was a huge success with over 500 runners taking part. The Managing Partner of Davies and Partners' Gloucester office, Nigel Tillott, recently presented us with a generous cheque for £2000, alongside Julie Cooke of Gloucester Quays (who organised the marshals for the run) and Gloucester Quays Rotary. Following the race Nigel said, "Our aim was to create a community event run by the people of Gloucester for the people of Gloucester and to showcase the city to others. I believe that we achieved our aim with fantastic support from the people of Gloucester, showing that when we put our mind to something Gloucester can do it – and has lots to be proud of." Nigel is hoping that next year's race will be open to 750 runners.

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Fire Awareness Course

Staff members take a Fire Awareness Training Course. Thanks to A & E Fire Equipment Ltd.

