



THE

LOUIS
ROSS

FOUNDATION

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to Dorset Charities

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for all your support

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A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE ROSS FAMILY

One difficult year on from losing our wonderful son, we are glad to have this opportunity to say thank you to all those who have shown an interest in or supported the Foundation in any way. Through the various events and initiatives, we have been overwhelmed by the love and support shown. Knowing that Louis' name and spirit lives on and that financially we can assist those facing difficulties gives us comfort.

"THANK YOU" seems inadequate but please accept our gratitude and we look forward to continued support in 2017.

JOHN & PENNY



A TOTAL OF £14,000 DONATED THIS YEAR

After research into worthy causes, much consideration and a meeting of our trustees, we have now begun to use the Foundation's hard raised funds to support worthy causes that help young people in Dorset facing difficulties.

On November 24th we were proud to present a cheque for **£5000** to Bournemouth-based **FAITHWORKS WESSEX** in support of their SleepSafe project. David Chidwick the project leader said:

'this is a generous donation which will help fund sleep safe for 5 months this Winter, offering a safe place for those who need our help and support'

Additionally, we are presenting a cheque for **£5000** to **BEAUCROFT FOUNDATION SCHOOL**, in Colehill,

Wimborne to fund a portion of their much needed new playground equipment.

POOLE YOUNG CARERS will also receive **£4000** to continue their work in providing school holiday coach trips and festive parties for young carers aged 5 to 18.

We are honoured to make these donations in Louis' name and as a reflection of the care and support we have received.

THANK YOU FOR EVERY PENNY!

Throughout the year the Foundation has received many donations, both large and small, all of which have been received with grateful thanks. Amongst these have been donations from:

ST MARY'S SCHOOL at Shaftesbury whose charity committee chose to donate **£150**;
THE PRUDENTIAL, who donated **£5750**;
NADINE SHERBORNE who generously donated her Grand National winnings of **£300!**; plus many personal donations from family and friends.

LEGENDS FOOTBALL MATCH

DATE: 27 APRIL 2017, WIMBORNE TOWN FC
Louis' old Holt XI will be lead out by Harry Redknapp to play Graeme Souness' Friends of Louis XI.
More details to follow

REMEDY OAK GOLF DAY

DATE: 6 JUNE 2017
The second Louis Ross Foundation fundraising golf day at this wonderful venue.
More details to follow

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

PREVIOUSLY FEATURED:

- **BUZZ CUTS**
Raised £5,385
- **MUFTI-DAY**
Raised over £1,000
- **WIMBORNE HOUSE CONCERT**
Raised over £1,000

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MARCH

MILLIE EVANS' EASTER EGG SALE

Millie Evans and friends sold Easter eggs amongst the Sherborne Girls Schools community and raised £116 for the Foundation

APRIL

TOM'S DINNER



Tom Rawlinson's dinner was a showpiece of what Louis meant to all who attended. It was a great occasion where many of Louis' closest friends and their parents gathered to reflect on the last few months. The evening also raised an impressive £1,000 to help those who benefit from the Louis Ross foundation. Many thanks should go to everyone who made the night possible and in particular Tom. The effort Tom put in was clear and Louis would have been touched.

LIP SYNC



Lip Sync for Louis was all about paying tribute to the happiness and joy that Louis blessed us with. It was a night that united Canford School in remembrance and celebration, while raising just over £1,400 for the charity. The highlight of the evening and most popular act was the appearance of Reverend Phil Jack, donning his black tracksuits to perfectly execute a lip sync of Lecrae's "Identity", to the raucous approval of the crowd.

QUIZ NIGHT

Over 180 family and friends of Louis had fun raising £1,700 at a quiz night at Sturminster Marshall Memorial Hall. Thanks to every who supported the event.

MAY

TOUGH MUDDER



Friends of Louis - Max Tipping, Rory Ferguson and Ben Barlow ran a gruelling 12 mile Tough Mudder to raise over £2,500 for their mate's Foundation.

KATIE'S COFFEE MORNING

Katie Barlow kindly opened her home and held a coffee morning raising £252 for the Foundation.

JUNE

GOLF DAY AT REMEDY OAK



Our first Louis Ross Foundation Golf Day was held at the magnificent Remedy Oak Golf Club. The weather, golf course and hospitality were all superb. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated prizes for the raffle and auction or bought items in the auction. Thanks to your generosity a staggering £13,000 was raised for the Foundation.

BLANDFORD OPEN GARDENS

Kate and Geriant Hughes kindly opened their beautiful garden to the public in aid of the Foundation raising almost £100.

LOUIS' CRICKET DAY AT CANFORD



This was a wonderful day that brought together so many of Louis' friends, united by the game of cricket. Thanks to Ailsa Burfoot for the generous donation of the Alastair Cook signed cricket bat which was raffled for the magnificent sum of £565.20. We hope this will be an annual event, not only to remember Louis but to keep friendships throughout the years.

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CHARLOTTE'S HAIR CUT

Thanks to Lottie for sacrificing her golden locks in aid of the Foundation. This raised in excess of £616.



CANFORD WHOLE SCHOOL WALK



We were overwhelmed by this amazing gesture where the pupils and staff at Canford walked up to 20 miles to raise money for the Foundation. Penny met with many of the walkers during the day and was touched by the atmosphere of the event which united care and friendship. All told, the walk raised the huge sum of £11,242.

CIARA'S QUIZ

Family friend Ciara donated £55 proceeds from a quiz night that she organised.

JULY

STUMINSTER MARSHALL GOLF EVENING

British Summer time never fails to deliver weather more akin to the middle of January and unfortunately for the golf day it meant our first postponement of a Foundation event. Not deterred, Andre and Mike rearranged and raised over £500 for Foundation. Many thanks guys.

AUGUST

CHARITY REGISTRATION AT LAST!

After a long wait the Charity Commission finally conferred official status on the Foundation with the registration of the Foundation as a Charity and the granting of our Charity number 1168723.

SEPTEMBER

MINI FEST

Featuring live music from local rock band, Curveball, wood fired pizza, with local ales and free overnight onsite camping, the mini fest, hosted at Sturminster Marshall Golf Club was a great success and raised £1250 for the Foundation. The band were excellent, as were the young musicians who ably supported the band. Thanks go to Paul Yeatman, Kath Kollberg and Mike Dodd.

CAKE SALE AT DOWNSIDE

Isabelle and friends held a cake sale at Downside to mark Louis' 18th birthday and raised £125 for the Foundation



LOUIS BIRTHDAY

A difficult day for us as a family but we were supported by friends. Canford marked this day by holding a special morning service for the upper sixth to remember Louis and kindly enabled his special friends to be together at St Mary's churchyard in the afternoon. This meant a lot to our family.

OCTOBER

BOURNEMOUTH RUNNING FESTIVAL WEEKEND



The Foundation is very proud of our two lovely ladies, Gabriella and Emma. Both set themselves a challenge and

achieved! Gabriella ran her first half marathon and Emma ran her first 10k, both in good times and amazingly raised £3000 between them. Well done to you both.

T-SHIRTS COMPETITION



The Foundation T-Shirts proved popular over the Summer, looked great on the whole school walk and travelled to all corners of the globe. We had photos from the Dominican Republic, Spain, Italy, Canada, Zambia, Ghana, South Africa, Cornwall and Sri Lanka! We were amazed by all the photos but after much deliberation it was decided to have joint winners, Max Tipping and Grace Gammell / Maddie Haynes. Grace and Maddie for their lion taming skills and Max for coping with an elephant which is obviously distressed by his loud trousers!

TOM GLENNIE'S MARATHON

We were touched to be approached by Tom who ran the marathon in Amsterdam and chose to support the Foundation as one of his two charities and raised £435 for the Foundation. Thanks you so much Tom



NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Thanks to the generosity of so many people the Foundation was fortunate enough to be in a financial position to make charitable donations to 3 amazing Dorset causes. **See cover page.**

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