



THE

LOUIS
ROSS

FOUNDATION



FROM THE ROSS FAMILY

OVER £50,000 GIFTED TO DATE!

We are in the privileged position of having funds in the bank enabling us to consider every application we receive – and plenty of fundraising planned and offered for 2019!

How wonderful that Louis's Foundation can fulfil its aims in his name.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

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Gosh, what an achievement and all thanks to those who generously support the Foundation or put themselves out in some way to raise funds to help others and, in doing so, remember Louis and raise the profile of his Foundation.

This Newsletter, as the preceding four editions, demonstrates the power of kindness! Sounds overly-sentimental of course, but charitable giving and fundraising as an act of kindness to Louis's Foundation means we can respond to the needs of those in difficulty and pass the kindness on. Perfect, and all in Louis's name. So many of our events also involve fun and it's great to think that our supporters enjoy themselves whilst also raising money!

At this point, following October's donations, we have now donated over £50,000 and are looking already towards Round 7. Just wonderful that the Foundation has maintained its objectives and looks evergreen.

DONATIONS ROUND 6

Each one will make a **difference** and that's what counts



FERNHEATH PLAY £2,500

We are delighted to have granted **£2,500 to Fernheath Play** in West Howe. This project was established by volunteers in 1976 and provides a space for children to play, a safe space particularly for those children whose home lives are difficult and who are vulnerable.

Our funding will help to provide extra staffing in school holidays to allow the project to be inclusive to children with additional needs.

Thank you to all our supporters and fundraisers - you've enabled such a grant to be made!

SLEEPSAFE - £5,000

Penny and Catherine Ephgrave were proud to make a donation from Louis's Foundation, to Sleepsafe - as we have in the two previous winters. David Chidwick, homelessness worker from Faithworks Wessex, accepted the cheque and thanked all who support Louis's Foundation by saying:



LANGSIDE SCHOOL £500

As part of Round 4 Donations, we gifted money last year to Langside School in Poole – a very special charity run school for pupils aged 2-19 with profound and multiple learning disabilities and complex medical needs. Our donation funded equipment for a musical garden and also for an ice-skating treat.

Pictured here are the pupils in their musical garden. This time our donation is for a repeat of the ice-skating sessions since the pupils so enjoyed themselves and benefitted from the sensory experience.



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The Louis Ross Foundation has supported Sleepsafe in the past and continues to support the emergency winter bed provision offering bed spaces and support to those who will be sleeping on the streets of Bournemouth this winter. They have amazingly donated £5,000 which will pay for one of the night time staff who will be supporting the rough sleepers over the 22 weeks. Without the workers, we couldn't run the project so this is vital to what we do.

Sleepsafe is a unique project helping folk in a bespoke way, offering bed spaces to those who really want the help and are motivated to work with the support offered to stay off the street. Last year, 43 people (70%) got off the street and into more stable accommodation.

Once again, Louis Ross Foundation, thank you for helping us offer real hope to those on the streets and help to change lives.

David Chidwick, Sleepsafe

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TRANSPORT BURSARY £500

As last year, we have granted this transport bursary to a Poole teenager who has autism, ADHD, conduct-disorder and a learning disability. This funding enables him to continue his education at Brockenhurst College as his single parent is unable to support this.

FUNDRAISING

JUNE-NOVEMBER 2018

WE ARE WOWED AND THANKFUL!
SO MUCH SUPPORT, VARIETY, INITIATIVE AND EFFORT. READ ON...

JUNE

BLANDFORD'S HIDDEN GARDENS

For the third year in a row, lovely friends Kate and Geraint Hughes opened their gorgeous garden as part of Blandford's Hidden Gardens weekend, dedicating donations received to Louis's Foundation. £96.67 received. Thank you both.

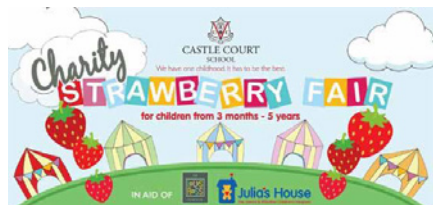


BRADFEST

The Pearce family from Witchampton put on another Bradfest Festival party on June 16th for so many friends and music lovers to enjoy. What an undertaking! So thoughtful of you to make a donation of £100. We are so grateful.

CASTLE COURT'S STRAWBERRY FAYRE

The pre-prep department at Castle Court held its bi-annual Strawberry Fayre on June 9th, raising funds for two charities: Louis's Foundation and Julia's House. It was a truly lovely event. Tremendous effort from all the staff and parents and so wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves as they supported two great causes. We are so grateful for the £576 we received.



JULY

SUMMER PARTY NIGHT

An amazingly generous gesture from Castle Court School in gifting us the use of their splendid Speech Day marquee for a fundraising event of our choosing. Thus was born the Summer Party Night on July 7th! A wonderful balmy summer's evening in a beautiful location and what fun was had dancing to the sounds of the 70s and 80s. £1,650 was raised and we're so grateful to the



school, to Mike Sandford for the disco, Paul Crabb for the hog roast, Ali Pinder and Kate Buchan for the raffle and to all of those people who supported the event and danced the night away.



FOOTBALL SWEEP

Thank you Debbie Stadden, friend of the Foundation, for donating your prizewinnings of £30 from the Sturminster Marshall Co-Op World Cup Football Sweep!

LOUIS'S GRANDMA

Sadly, Louis's beloved Grandma, Eilonwy, passed away in June aged 89. Her funeral was held on July 13th and the donations dedicated to the Foundation. Bless you for £400. Eilonwy adored her grandchildren.



TARRANT VALLEY TEN

This annual event took place on July 15th - 10K cross-country through part of the beautiful Tarrant Valley. Not an easy course, especially on such a hot Sunday! Over 200 runners took part and there was also a short run for children.



We were so fortunate to be selected as one of the three local charities to benefit from the profits made. It was a pleasure to be invited along and to see the sheer determination of the runners and to witness the amazing community-led organisation. We are incredibly grateful to have received £900 from the organiser Andy Eastaugh plus the personal sponsorship of £100 from a Tarrant Keyneston neighbour, Jo Mare, who took part and declared it a personal challenge. Thank you all!



JOHN'S 100 MILE CYCLE TAKE TWO

On July 29th, John bravely tackled the Pru Ride London course for the second year, facing the Surrey Hills again. This year's ride began in heavy rain but apparently seemed a little less gruelling than his maiden voyage last year! Well done indeed and £1000 raised for the Foundation plus £600 donated to Great Ormond St Hospital. Thank you to all those who supported his efforts. Excellent work!



LEO'S RUN

Family friend, Leo aged 8, from Bristol, took part in the Run for Fun challenge and was required to run a total of 20 miles during July. He took this as an opportunity to raise funds for Louis's Foundation and raised £100. Well done Leo. Thank you!



AUGUST

AFTERNOON TEA ON THE LAWN

As it happens, the weather completely flawed the plan. Rain, rain and more rain! Fortunately, our supporters who love scones and cake were not deterred and the event went ahead inside our home at Ashley Wood House, rather than in the garden as planned.



We're pleased to say that the event was well-attended so we didn't mind the squish in the house at all! One neighbour remarked that it was like a big party. Great! Even better, it was a party that raised £489. Thank you all who partook or supported.



CANFORD CLASSICS OPEN DAY PULL-IN

Dominique and Alan Drayson of Canford Classics Porsche Restoration company, generously invited Louis's Foundation to be their guest charity for this year's event on August 25th to receive donations from their admiring clients and Porsche-lovers. What a lovely event. Glorious sunshine and even more glorious cars of all ages and colours. It was a pleasure to attend and to benefit by £621.96 from the generosity of their attendees. We received £443.96 of



this in donations and also the opportunity to sell £178 of raffle tickets for the AFC Bournemouth signed shirt donated by Callum Wilson.

MILLIE'S GREAT GLEN ADVENTURE

Family friend, Millie Evans, undertook a D of E challenge, to canoe across the Great Glens beginning on the west coast of Scotland and ending on the east coast in Inverness. We are so touched that Millie sought another purpose to her efforts – raising funds in memory of Louis. To this end, the Foundation has received £520 from Millie's supporters.



SEPTEMBER

RACE NIGHT

On September 15th, Mike Dodd of Sturminster Marshall Golf Club organised a Family Race Night event, making use of the marquee he had available. We are so grateful to Mike and to the sponsors who supported the evening's event :



JFS Travel, Harker and Bullman Letting Agents, AYS Skip Hire, RV Plasterers and Sheila Davidge. Grateful also to Mike Sandford for providing music. The event raised £275.50 plus the opportunity to sell more raffle tickets for the AFC Bournemouth signed shirt for which the draw took place during the evening. The children (and adults) who attended had lots of fun! Thank you for your support!

AFC BOURNEMOUTH SHIRT

Thank you so much to Callum Wilson for this second shirt AFC Bournemouth generously donated. Signed by the



whole team, the shirt was won by Aaron Peperell of Salisbury, a delighted fan of the club! The raffle raised £253.

LOUIS'S BIRTHDAY

Always a difficult date for us, donations of £110 from Louis's godmothers. Bless you for marking the date.

W.I. GUEST SPEAKER

On September 20th, Penny was honoured to be the guest speaker at the Sturminster Marshall Evening W.I. Meeting. Information about the setting-up, the objectives and the running of Louis's Foundation was shared and the W.I. generously presented her with a cheque for £50. Thank you so much. We are so grateful for your support.

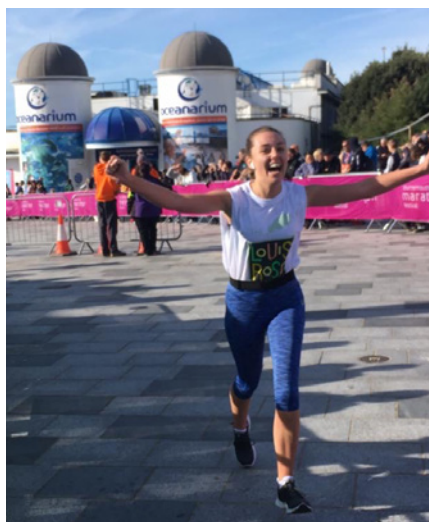
OCTOBER

NISA -MAKING A DIFFERENCE

On October 5th, we were pleased to receive a cheque for £100 from Sturminster Marshall's NISA store. The cheque was presented by manager Daniel. Thank you NISA for recognising us as a local charity that makes a difference!

HANNAH'S BOURNEMOUTH HALF

Family friend, Hannah Palmer bravely tackled the Bournemouth Half-Marathon on October 7th and made a fantastic job of it. Thank you Hannah and your supporters – Louis's Foundation is £515 richer and your reputation as an athlete is intact!



QUIZ NIGHT @ THE ANCHOR

On October 17th, Rich and Rob from The Anchor at Shapwick very kindly hosted a fundraising Music Quiz night. Much fun was had by those who attended and a delicious chilli enjoyed. Huge thanks to Mike Sandford for compiling and presenting the Quiz. Fab to report that £684 was raised - less fab to say that it certainly exposed many areas of weakness in one's so-called musical knowledge. Better luck next time!

CATHY'S 50TH CHALLENGE

Lovely Cathy Spiers saw her approaching 'special' birthday as an opportunity to undertake a challenge to mark the fact that she was privileged to still be here and running after half a century. Cathy ran 5K per day for the 50 days preceding her birthday on October 30th.



She decided to choose a local charity which supports young people to benefit from her fundraising and we are fortunate to have been chosen! Thank you so much, £1185 raised! We look forward to meeting Cathy and sharing our Foundation news with her.

NOVEMBER

TOBY'S MOVEMBER

Louis's lovely friend Toby Stalker has decided to enhance his image by dedicating a Movember Tash to Louis's Foundation. Thank you so much Toby! We look forward to a photo and urge all our supporters to visit Toby's Virgin Money Giving page to make his sacrifice worthwhile! You're bound to be the talk of Exeter Uni!

£5,000 GRANT FROM THE WATES FOUNDATION



We are incredibly grateful to The Wates Foundation committee for granting us an award of £5,000 which may be used for the activities of The Louis Ross Foundation such as the costs involved in marketing, maintaining our website and producing our Newsletters. The grant came about due to a connection through Louis's friendships from Canford School and we are extremely grateful.

We are also very grateful to old Canfordian Nic Konig, a good friend of Louis's, for his very generous personal donation.

THE T-SHIRT TRAVELS TO FAR CONTINENTS!



Louis James and Max Johnson were at 4000m on top of 'Acatenango' volcano near Antigua, Guatemala, next to 'Fuego' volcano which you can see in the background and it had erupted about a month earlier. They thought about wearing the Louis Ross Foundation t-shirts but it was well below freezing so thought it best to just carry one up there!



Ben Sykes was on safari in Kenya when he went to the David Sheldrick Elephant orphanage. This organisation rescues baby elephants when they are orphaned and brings them up in this sanctuary. When they are old enough and strong enough they are released into the wild into herds made up of other orphans.



In August Henry, Will, Jamie, Maddie, James, Finn, Ben, Gemma, Lucy and Grace were on Safari in Kenya and climbed up the rock that Pride Rock from the Lion King is based on.

£1,550 GRANT FROM SUNSEEKER



A grant of £1,550 has been awarded to us by The Sunseeker Charity Committee - which is an internal charitable scheme which helps to fund requests made by employees of Sunseeker. We are very grateful to employee Denny Howell for securing this money for Louis's Foundation to allow us to make our donations. Sunseeker's committee was particularly keen to ensure we could fund the Fernheath Play application.

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS MADE TO DATE

TOTALLING £50,600!

SLEEPSAFE X3
£15,000

POOLE YOUNG CARERS
£4,000

BEAUCROFT SPECIAL SCHOOL
£5,000

MOSAIC
£2,000

THE ELIZABETH FOUNDATION
£3,000

STANLEY'S HYDRO HOUSE
£1,500

TRANSPORT BURSARY X2
£900

MAKE A WISH
£2,739

DIVERSE ABILITIES 'COPING WITH CHAOS'
£2,177

LANGSIDE SCHOOL
£2,880

WIMBORNE WAGTAILS
£1,325

HORSERENITY
£2,000

THE BUS SHELTER DORSET
£2,000

ASHLEY'S BIRTHDAY BANK
£2,000

DOWNTON 4 FAMILY
£500

FERNHEATH PLAY
£2,500

BEAUCROFT SCHOOL SIXTEEN PLUS
£1,000

THANK YOU!

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!

BURN'S NIGHT SUPPER AND SCOTTISH DANCING

SHAPWICK CHURCH, SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH 2019, 7PM £40

QUIZ NIGHT WITH BADG CHAMPION

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, FRIDAY MARCH 22ND 2019

MARATHON DES SABLES

JOHN VASEY SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE OF THE INCREDIBLE
CHALLENGE MARATHON DES SABLES

JOHN O GAUNTS, CANFORD SCHOOL WITH WINE AND CHEESE. MARCH 2019

GOLF DAY

REMEDY OAK, TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH 2019

PLATINUM BALL

CASTLE COURT SCHOOL, SATURDAY JUNE 29TH 2019

HELP TO CELEBRATE THE 70TH YEAR OF THE SCHOOL ALL IN AID OF THE FOUNDATION

To book tickets, reserve teams and seats for any of these events please contact penny@louisross.org

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

We are always very keen to hear from those in need and an application form can be found on our website.

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