

New Year 2013 Newsflash!



Dear Parent/Carer

A Happy New Year from all at Kindred

In the absence of our full newsletter we thought you might like an update of what's happening with Kindred over the next few months. You'll see that we have mixed news to pass on about past successes and future challenges, details of fun events and opportunities that you are invited to take part in and lots of "thank you" to those who have supported Kindred in inspiring ways over the last year.

Wonderful news for Kindred in Fife

We received fantastic news just before Christmas. The Big Lottery Fund has awarded our service a grant of £372,800 to provide support to families over five years. We also receive a generous grant from NHS Fife (Carers Information Strategy). Linda and Lindsay will be able to keep up the good work from their new office in Rosyth.

Challenges over the next three months in Edinburgh

Unfortunately we have had to reduce our service by 25% in Edinburgh. This is due to a fall in income received this year. While we face this funding challenge we are particularly grateful to families who have generously organised fundraising for us over the last few months (please see overleaf). This has made a real difference to morale as well as bringing important income. If you would like to be involved in fundraising then have a look at the fundraising page of our website www.kindred-scotland.org/fundraising for some inspiring ideas. We hope to bring in new funding and restore our staff team to full capacity by April.

Additional Support for Learning (ASL) Forum – two meetings for parents

The ASL Forum supports the liaison between parent representatives and City of Edinburgh Council. The Forum has organised two meetings for parents to meet and discuss ASL provision and planning with City of Edinburgh Council. The meetings are an opportunity to express your views. Come and contribute to a positive way forward.

Friday 1 February, 10 am – 12 noon, *A new approach to assessment and planning support in mainstream and specialist provision for children with Additional Support Needs:* How can the quality of planning and the allocation of support be improved in mainstream schools? How can early support be provided to enable inclusion to be effective? How can this help decision making about specialist placements when required? Come and discuss the authority's plans for a more responsive way of providing appropriate support.

Wednesday 27 February, 10 am – 12 noon, *Provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Edinburgh:* Come and share your experiences. Has your child had difficulties at school? Or do you have examples of good practice? Where are the gaps and how can new thinking about ASD lead to improvements in provision? What does inclusion mean to children on the spectrum?

Please note: *If you would like to discuss provision for your child then please ring Kindred's ASL Helpline on 0131 536 0583, as the meeting will not be an appropriate venue for discussion of individual situations.*

For information on any of the above please email kindred.enquiries@gmail.com or call 0131 538 5650

DREAMING WITH EDINBURGH ZOO

Edinburgh Zoo is offering you and your children the chance to attend their Dream Night this summer on Friday 7 June from 6-9pm.

Dream Night is a **free** event for children with long-term conditions and disabilities and their families. It's a great chance for your children to get VIP treatment at the zoo, with giveaways, complimentary food and plenty for the whole family to take part in - including the chance to meet some of the animals!

Tickets are limited so to register your interest please let Kindred know ASAP.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY WITH DYNAMIC EARTH

Kindred is delighted to have been awarded a Golden Ticket from Dynamic Earth this year. The Golden Ticket allows **free** entry for the whole family and a discount at the café and shop. Would you like to arrange a visit? Get in touch with us for more details.

IS YOUR CHILD A HIBS FAN?

Through the kind donation of a season ticket from City Cabs to Hibs Kicks for Kids scheme we are able to offer a pair of **free** tickets to this season's SPL Home Fixtures. Interested? Simply get in touch with us at the details given below and we'll tell you more.

Some thank yous

So many people went that little bit further for Kindred in 2012 - these are just a few of the people we would like to thank:

Adam Bojelian and Mr James McGuire: after reading about Adam Bojelian's story, Mr McGuire from Giffnock, wished to make a donation of £2000 to further Adam's long standing fundraising efforts for Kindred. You can read more about Adam and his poetry at <http://intheblinkofaneyepoemsbyadambojelian.blogspot.co.uk/>

The Great Edinburgh Runners: Nicola Printie from AEGON, David Walton (Kindred Trustee) and Sophie Pilgrim (Kindred Director) raised over £1500 between them pounding the pavements for us on a sunny day in October.

Pamela Anderson and her friends Elaine Crombie, Claire Reid and Heather Malony did the Reservoir Challenge back in the autumn. Undertaking the 10km run round Treipmuir and Harlaw Reservoirs and going over the Black Hill raised over £400 for Kindred.

Barbara Bleloch organised a charity night at Shardys in Lochgelly raising over £300 for us – thanks to all involved!

Audrey Cloete collected money for Kindred with her church, by carol singing in shopping centres in the run up to Christmas - their musical efforts raised more than £100.

And last but not least, thank you to Morag Steven (Chair of Kindred), her two sons and their girlfriends, for doing the Loony Dook on New Year's Day! Morag and her team have raised over £1400 for us so far and, we are happy to say, not caught hypothermia!

The above list of donors is not exhaustive and Kindred would like to thank all those who have given the charity their support over the last year, from regular individual donors such as Mr J C Edwards to charitable trusts, including Paterson Logan Charitable Trust and M E Swinton Paterson's Charitable Trust.

Would you like to donate to Kindred? You can do so online by going to www.justgiving.com/kindred

Alternatively go to www.kindred-scotland.org/fundraising

or simply contact us for further details to donate by BACs, cheque or in person.

If you are interested in raising money for us, just let us know – we'd love to hear about your idea and we have sponsor forms and shaker tins that you might find useful.

Thank you

If you would prefer to receive future news from us by email, to update your contact details or for further information on any of the above events, please email kindred.enquiries@gmail.com or call 0131 538 5650

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