

CSR NEWSLETTER 'IN THE LOOP'

We hope you all had a wonderful time at the Christmas party at Chilston Park and take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year! - Your CSR team

2017 Fundraising Total

We now have the final figures in and we are pleased to announce that we have raised **£7,097.92** for Slideaway and ECHO through our fundraising efforts in 2017!

We have also raised **£11,405.92** for other charities through events such as Will Aid in November and Christmas Jumper Day in December. This brings our grand total for 2017 to **£18,503.84!** Well done everyone!

Skydiving for ECHO

Laura Harwood, Hannah Sharp and her husband Robert bravely skydived for ECHO in September 2017. Here's what Laura had to say about the experience:

"Going up in the plane before the jump was terrifying enough, let alone having to jump out the plane once up there. But there was no turning back! When we got to 12,000 ft. the instructor shuffled me to the edge of the plane and literally dangled me out of the door. I was terrified!"

"We fell out the plane head first and did a summersault in the air before we could get into the freefall position. The 30 second freefall was an incredible experience and I can't begin to explain how it felt. It was by far my favourite part of the jump."

"We were falling through the air at ridiculous speed until the instructor opened the parachute, everything went silent and I couldn't hear anything (it probably didn't help that my ears needed popping at this moment in time). At the slower speed I was able to sit back and enjoy the view before I had to master the landing. The views were incredible. You could see for miles - the sky was so clear with no clouds in sight!"

"It was the best experience ever and I would recommend it to anyone! Not only was it an amazing experience but between us we raised an amazing amount of money for ECHO."



Christmas Gift Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the parents staying with their poorly children at the Evelina Children's Hospital over the Christmas period. All four offices were extremely generous and when Emma from ECHO collected the items she said she was blown away by our generosity!

2018 Charity of the Year

As recently announced by Garry, our Charity of the Year for 2018 is the Stroke Association. We hope that you will get behind the CSR team to raise funds or volunteer for the charity. The CSR team will shortly be organising a calendar of events for next year and we hope that everyone will take part in one way or another. Hannah Durston has already started organising our next lottery so please do contact her ASAP; there are numbers still available!

Quick Glance Top Fundraisers 2017

ECHO and Slideaway

SKYDIVE £1,562.50

CANTERBURY QUIZ £1,171.75

TRIATHLON £715.00

GLOW IN THE PARK £582.00

Other

WILL AID £6,520.00

DEMEZLA WILLS £2,245.00

PILGRIMS HOSPICE WILLS £1,250.00

If you have any ideas for events please do let us know!

The CSR Team

The team will be headed up by Katie Broadfield in 2018 and the current members of the team are Hannah Durston, Garry Warman, Jonathan Miller, Keelie Loftus, Hannah Sharp, Laura Ballard, Bekka Fuszard, Mandy Coltham and Laura Harwood

We are pleased to welcome Amy Turner-Ives to the CSR team as our Tenterden representative. If anyone else would like to join the CSR team, please contact Katie.

