

The
Gentlemen's Night Out
Annual Presentation 2010

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Robert Johnson

1950 - 2002

First President of

The Gentlemen's Night Out

Charity Committee

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“ On behalf of the Committee of the Gentlemen’s Night Out Charity, we are delighted to welcome all beneficiaries, their families and their supporters to our very special presentation lunch. We do hope that you will relax and enjoy the occasion.

In particular, we would like to express our continued gratitude to our numerous sponsors for their support, kindness and generosity, without which this event would not be possible.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank Kathy, the Committee, their wives, partners and friends who make this organisation totally unique.”

Arnie Kaplan

Chairman



A Simple Thank You

The Gentlemen's Night Out Charity would like to say a simple thank you to all our incredible table sponsors and guests at our Christmas and other events throughout the year. Many individuals and companies donate not only money, but also their time and effort. On behalf of the Beneficiaries and the Committee, we would like to say

Thank You



The Gentlemen's Night Out Annual Presentation



The following offers an indication of those individuals and organisations supported by the Gentlemen's Night Out Committee. Throughout the year, the Committee also receives and responds to other applications for funds.

We believe the Gentlemen's Night Out Charity is unique. There are no administration overheads, thus every penny raised is distributed directly to an individual or an organisation with total neutrality.

Each application for funding is carefully considered with the proposal and the intended beneficiary being visited by members of the Appeal's Committee in order to ensure that an allocation is made with the appropriate sensitivity.



3H FUND

The 3H Fund organise group holidays for physically disabled children and adults with the support of volunteer helpers, which in turn allows family carers a much needed period of respite.

Acorns Children's Hospice

Caring for over 400 life limited children and families – offering respite and terminal care as well as social support. The Gentlemen's Night Out is delighted to continue our support for this incredible organisation.

Action For Kids

Action for Kids provides services for disabled young people and their families. These include providing mobility equipment, support and a helpline for disabled children and their families. Funds are being sought to buy mobility equipment for children in Birmingham and the West Midlands in order that they can take an active part in family and community life. We are pleased to offer our continued support for this organisation.

Albrighton Trust

The Albrighton Trust is dedicated to providing sports, arts, education and leisure facilities for people of all ages who have disabilities or are disadvantaged. It enables and empowers them, regardless of disabilities, to participate in and enjoy activities that are otherwise denied to them. In particular, it provides a unique fishing facility for the handicapped. We are delighted to continue our support of this outstanding organisation.





Arthrogryposis Group

Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita is a term used to describe a baby born with multiple joint contractures (fixed and stiff joints) and covers a wide range of conditions. This limits the range of movement in the joints. The number and position of affected joints varies in each child and can be accompanied by muscle weakness, which further restricts mobility. Support is offered in various ways to the children and families affected and the GNO is delighted to offer funding towards the annual activity holiday.

Bereavement Counselling Service

This organisation provides support and counselling to bereaved children and young people. The GNO has provided funding to purchase much-needed children's resources used in their counselling.

Birmingham Children's Hospital Parent Accommodation

This unit provides accommodation to families of sick children to allow them some degree of normality and respite whilst their child is a patient. We continue our funding to help with the purchase of furnishings and equipment for this unit.

British Friends of War Disabled Group

BFIWD is a charitable organisation, providing assistance and support to disabled Veterans.

British Wheelchair Pool Players Association

GNO is delighted to support this very talented group, which was formed to enable wheelchair players to participate in the American disciplines of 9 Ball and 8 Ball pool.

To date its members have achieved great success in a number of tournaments.



When you wish upon a star -

This year we have granted many wishes to date, thanks to funds raised at our events. The list below gives an indication of some of those wishes.



Nicola – is 13 years old and has Leukaemia. Her wish was for a weekend in London, including a ride on the London Eye, trip to see Mamma Mia and Hairspray, visit to Harrods and dinner at Jamie Oliver's Fifteen Restaurant. We were delighted to grant her wish.

Lee aged 13 has Cerebral Palsy and is severely disabled. Nick's wish was to be able to leave his home and visit family and friends. This was only possible with the purchase of a mobile hoist that his parents could take with them. We were very pleased to grant his wish



Natalie is 16 years old and is on the slow road to recovery after being diagnosed with a brain tumour. Like most 16 year olds she loves to shop! – Her wish was granted and she enjoyed a shopping trip in Manchester with an overnight stay at a posh hotel, lunch at the Hard Rock Café and a makeover at Harvey Nichols.

Niamh – is four years old and is living with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy for which there is no treatment – most children do not live beyond five years. Niamh's wish was to go to Disneyland Paris with her family to celebrate her fourth birthday.



Leon aged 4 – in December 2008 Leon was rushed into hospital with Meningococcal Septicaemia, which resulted in losing his lower right leg, his left big toe and three fingers on his left hand. One year on, in December 2009, he and his mum travelled to Lapland to meet Santa Claus and had a wonderful time.

Wish List



Corey – 12-year-old Corey has Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy and is a keen football fan. His wish was to be an England Mascot – he took to the pitch at Wembley in September for the England -v- Slovenia Game and even came away with a pair of John Terry’s football boots!



Shernice – this lovely girl is 9 years old and has cerebral palsy. We were delighted to grant her a wish for a bedroom makeover

Steven aged 13 is autistic. We were thrilled to grant his wish of a holiday to Center Parcs.

Amelia – is 15 years old and has Downs Syndrome and Spectrum disorder. Her wish was for a new garden swing and a set of headphones to enable her to listen to her music in peace.



Cody aged 4 suffers from a genetic condition – Saetre-Chotzen – that manifests itself in craniofacial abnormalities affecting the eyes and skull. Cody has endured many surgeries and complications. His wish was to meet the real Mickey Mouse at Disneyland Paris

Nicole is just 18 and is suffering with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. Nicola’s wish was to have a weekend in London where she paid a visit to Harrods, a trip to the theatre and dinner at Fifteen restaurant. We were delighted to grant her wish.

We were delighted to be able to grant a pampering day for 15 wonderful mums, all of who care for their disabled children. They enjoyed lunch and an array of pampering treatments at a local spa.



Asthma Relief

New to the Gentlemen's Night Out, this organisation was founded by Mr Dave Penman after experiencing the loss of his brother from Asthma at the age of 28. Asthma Relief is actively working with, among others, Birmingham Children's Hospital and helps fund vital equipment that can be used in sufferer's homes, many of whom would be housebound without their assistance.

Brainwave

The Brainwave programme is aimed at realising the potential of children with developmental delay, brain injury or genetic conditions. The GNO are delighted to continue our support in 2010.

Cares Sandwell

Cares works with, helps and supports unpaid family carers throughout the borough of Sandwell in the West Midlands. Their activities enable carers to continue to care for the sick, elderly or disabled.

Center Parcs - Pirates of the Caribbean Ball

In conjunction with When You Wish Upon A Star, the GNO will this year be again sponsoring a Caribbean Ball to be held as part of a weeklong break in August for a number of sick children and their families. This Ball is the highlight of an incredible week for these families.

Children's Adventure Farm

This Trust provides a haven for hundreds of disabled and disadvantaged children. Groups of children from 4-15 years and their carers visit the farm for weeklong holidays. We are again delighted to support the Free Holiday programme.

Chernobyl Children's Project

This project is run by a wonderful team of local volunteers. The GNO will help with funding for a number of young people from Belarus to stay with local families and to enjoy a wealth of activities and trips during their stay. These holidays are intended to provide the children with a health boost and most of all, an enormous amount of fun.

Community Care

GNO is providing funds for specialised electrically operated beds with pressure relieving mattresses for use by the frailer residents. Community Care is an organisation that provides residential and day centre care and support for the elderly and disadvantaged in the community.



Cruse Bereavement

Cruse Bereavement offers support to bereaved children throughout the region. Bereavement and loss are difficult issues for all, but more particularly for children. We continue to assist with the financing of further volunteers and by providing funds for day trips for the children and their families.

Dwarf Athletics Association UK

DAA UK is a disabled sports association that aims to create opportunities for people of restricted growth to participate and compete on an equal footing. The GNO were delighted to sponsor the National Dwarf Athletic Games which took place at the Alexander Stadium Birmingham on the 1st May 2010.

Edwards Trust

The Edwards Trust is a Birmingham based Charitable Trust, which provides care and long term support for children and families during terminal illness and/or bereavement. The Centre offers support and counselling, together with providing trips, social events and adventure holidays for the children and their families.

The Eyeless Trust

Helps children born with anophthalmia (absence of eyes). The Trust offers counselling, information on the condition and treatment and offers emotional and financial support to these children and their families. The Gentlemen's Night Out is delighted to support this wonderful organisation.

Foundation For Conductive Education

This world-renowned centre continues its incredible work with people with motor disorders to overcome problems associated with neurological damage. We are again pleased to offer our support.

George Collier Memorial Fund

This fund was set up in 1999 in memory of three-year-old George Collier with the sole aim of improving the lives of children who suffer from asthma, by raising awareness about asthma and to improve healthcare for all those children living with the condition. Support is offered to the families in their own homes, vital hospital equipment is purchased and sponsorship is given to school nurses to receive asthma training in order to obtain their asthma diploma. They are currently campaigning for emergency asthma kits to be provide in all schools and presented a petition to 10 Downing Street on World Asthma day on the 4th May.



Get Hooked on Fishing

A small charity based in Birmingham, using the 'tool' of angling to cater for the many varied needs of young people, particularly those at risk of social exclusion due to brain injuries, disabilities, bereavement, depression or ill health. GNO is delighted to support these individuals and help give them the opportunity to participate in the sport of angling.

Home Start Northfield

A Charity whose aim is to offer support to families under stress. We are delighted to offer our continuing support for this venture with funding provided to sustain and strengthen the services they are able to offer to the families they support.

Island Project School

Set up three years ago by 2 mums who were disillusioned by the education offered to one of their sons who is autistic. He was forced to study at home in isolation because there was no suitable school available. The aim of the Island Project is to provide specialist teaching for children with very complex needs and to offer support to both the children and their families.

Joseph Foote Foundation

Formed in 2001 by Andy and Judy Foote after their son was diagnosed at age 2 with a brain tumour. Sadly Joe lost his fight in 2007. The aim of the foundation is to fund vital research at Nottingham University in defeating this dreadful disease. We are honoured to add our ongoing support to their quest.

Ladies Fighting Breast Cancer

In this their tenth year, this exuberant group of ladies continue their fight against breast cancer. On their wish list for 2010/2011 is the provision of funding for a specialist research Nurse and an additional digital mammogram for the Dr Sally Bradley suite at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. GNO are delighted to confirm their ongoing support.

Lisieux Trust

Francis House – is a residential home catering for a number of Downs Syndrome adults, some of whom show early onset of Alzheimer's. Funds are needed to create a sensory room to offer relaxation and encourage stimulation, which will help develop their abilities and allow them to maximise their achievements in all aspects of life.



Kaleidoscope Club

This club caters for disabled young people between the ages of 13 and 25 and organises school holiday activity schemes and residential breaks throughout the year. Due to the nature of the disabilities, a high ratio of staff is required, which of course increases costs. Although part funded by social services a considerable amount of time is spent fund raising. We are delighted to support this dedicated group.

Kinereth Ladies Group

Kinereth Ladies Group is one of our oldest organisations and provides funds and care for children, by providing vital educational equipment for children with special needs.

Mad Hatters Tea Party

The GNO are delighted to be one of the main sponsors of this event to be held at the Botanical Gardens. The event aims to give an afternoon of fun and entertainment to disabled and disadvantaged children and their carers from the region.

Marie Curie Cancer Care - Warren Pearl, Solihull

The GNO continues our sponsorship of the Christmas 'Tree of Lights' ceremony at the Marie Curie Centre in memory of Robert Johnson, one of the original founders of the Gentlemen's Night Out charity.

Mere Green Combined School

We have supported this school for a number of years and have donated funds towards refurbishing their music room, providing a mobile sensory unit and play area for the nursery children. This year our funds will go towards the purchase of a much needed replacement mini bus.

PHAB Camps

This voluntary organisation's aim is to promote the integration of disabled and able-bodied children and young people. This integration is achieved by providing a range of PHAB Camp holidays. These camps provide a wide range of stimulating activities such as abseiling, horse riding and sailing, which disabled and able-bodied young people take part in together on equal terms. The GNO continue its support of this incredible project.



Relate

Offer a core relationship counselling service. Additionally they operate a 'Time for You' counselling service for young people between aged between 10 and 20 years. The service is aimed at young people experiencing a range of difficulties, including changes at home, such as stepfamilies coming together or divorce and separation, together with school related problems.

St Basils

GNO have supported this organisation for a number of years. St Basil's works with young homeless people aged between 16 and 25. Over 300 units of supported accommodation are provided in Birmingham and work is carried out to educate young people to find and keep a home of their own.

St Leonards Day Centre

This centre is open three days a week and caters for a number of senior citizens with ages ranging from 80 – 90 years old. Many are housebound with poor mobility and are therefore transported to the centre to enjoy lunch and the activities on offer. We are delighted to support this very necessary service.

St Mary's Hospice

Offer continuous care and support to over 1000 people and their families each year both within the Hospice and also the patient's homes.

Saxon Hill Community School

Saxon Hill is a co-educational special school for students aged 2-19 years, with a range of physical disabilities. We have previously supported this school and are delighted to continue our support in 2010.

Shirley Methodist Wednesday Day Centre -

Is a voluntary run organisation, which caters for the elderly in the area, some of whom are physically handicapped. The group meet each Wednesday and funds have been given to cover costs involved in a coach trip to be taken during the summer.



Solihull Children's Special Needs Association

This wholly voluntary organisation caters for both physically and mentally handicapped pre- school children. Our congratulations go to all involved and we are delighted to offer our continued support for this worthwhile group.

Special Olympics (Solihull)

The Special Olympics organisation was the GNO's first beneficiary and continues to thrive under the dedication of Jean and Alan Garfield. We are delighted to again support this fantastic team of young adults in sponsoring a number of athletic and swimming galas throughout 2010.

Time Out Saturday Club

This club was formed by a group of parents who were aware that their teenage sons and daughters, all with severe learning disabilities, were not able to develop friendships outside of school in the same way as their peers. The Group meet fortnightly and have activities based at a local youth centre and also organise outdoor trips for these young people.

Variety Club

We are pleased to offer our ongoing support for Variety in providing funds to purchase a number of trikes and wheelchairs for local children.

Visiting Service

Is a voluntary organisation whose object is to try to alleviate the loneliness and isolation felt by many of the elderly and housebound residents. Regular home visits are offered by the dedicated team of volunteers to offer friendship and conversation, together with organising annual coach trips and entertainment. We are delighted to offer our continued support.

War Pensions Committee

This organisation was established in the 1920's and continues to support war pensioners and war widows/widowers. We are delighted to support the efforts of the remarkable Mr Robert Belding MBE.



Future Dates For Your Diary

Gentlemen's Night Out
World Cup Golf Challenge & BBQ
Brabazon Course, The Belfry
Wednesday 23rd June 2010

Birmingham World Half Marathon
Sunday 24th October 2010

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and join our team

The Gentlemen's Night Out 2010
Wednesday 8th December 2010

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