



# Parry Family

## Charitable Foundation

## Review of Grant Programme 2022/23

### □ Grant Budget & Approvals

- The Grant Budget for 2022/23 was £40,000 embracing Main Grants funding and our Small Grants Fund (SGF).
- We approved 3 Main Grants of £39,894 with an additional 7 grants of £3,500 from our SGF making a total of £43,394.

### □ Main Grants

- **Stockdales, Sale Cheshire**



Stockdales has been a "Partner Charity" since 2020 and we made our second grant, £15,000, in January 2023.

They are a local charity which focuses on bringing independent living and support to people with learning disabilities. They are dedicated to making a difference to the lives of children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and complex health needs. The charity currently offers round

the clock residential care to 31 people with high needs to live like everyone else at home and beyond. Their community services support over 150 people

through activity sessions, days out and clubs for kids and adults. There is a strong focus on learning, social time and being as independent as possible. Their services are an invaluable lifeline to families too, offering much needed respite.



At their homes, gardens are hugely important giving the people living there and their families a place to relax, engage in gardening and privacy. At their Ashton Lane house, an ambitious plan to transform the garden including the installation of an outdoor garden room is underway. The key benefits are:

- Wheelchair accessible

- Ceiling tracking and hoists so residents can enjoy the space out of their wheelchairs.
- Allows residents to enjoy the garden in all weathers
- Additional space for residents to relax and another safe and private visiting area for friends and family.
- Area for sensory stimulation - smells, sounds and fresh air

Our grant met 50% of the cost.

Stockdales is a special charity which has been delivering important services to many people with disabilities in the Sale area for over 70 years. We intend to support them to help deliver their future plans.

### ➤ Institute in the Park, University of Liverpool

Institute in the Park is a Partner Charity. It is an internationally recognised research organisation focusing on childhood illnesses. It embraces childhood inflammatory disease (respiratory disease, infectious disease, autoimmune and autoinflammatory disorders).



It is the UK's first and only Experimental Arthritis Treatment Centre for Children and is based in Liverpool at the Institute in the Park and the University of Liverpool. Childhood arthritis and other related autoimmune/rheumatic disorders impose a significant burden to quality-of-life and mental wellbeing of affected children and young people, their families, and the

adults they will become. These conditions are frequently associated with patients experiencing chronic, severe pain, disfiguring effects of the disease or associated treatments, disability and/or impact on school, education, sports and activities of daily living. Most of the work is patient focussed translational research, involving both scientific and clinically trained researchers.

Our grant of £14,475 covers the cost of a real time PCR system which will allow them to quantify the level of gene expression in various tissues and cells. This is essential for identifying and quantifying altered functions of cells and tissues in childhood disease. RT-PCR is a robust tool that can be used also in clinical settings, which therefore makes it particularly interesting for biomarker development.



In addition to gene expression, gene variants can be detected using probe-based assays on a RT-PCR system. Gene variants contribute to altered gene expression in a multitude of childhood diseases. Access to the newest generation RT-PCR system will allow them to screen DNA samples for the

presence of gene variants on sight and in a high throughput fashion. This will significantly reduce cost and time needed to produce data.

We have now made four grants to Institute in the Park totalling over £60,000.

### ➤ University of Derby



Professor Myra Conway leads a talented team at the university researching dementia and Alzheimer's disease. This work embraces in particular:

1. Understanding the link between Type II diabetes (T2D) and Alzheimers.

2. Understanding how diet can regulate protein misfolding/clearance (termed autophagy) in the brain of subjects with Alzheimers.

3. Identification of novel blood markers that can differentiate between individuals that have MCI related to Alzheimers relative to normal ageing.

4. Identification of novel signalling pathways aligned with Alzheimers pathology - offering new therapeutic targets.

Ultimately, their aim is to inform nutritional or supplementation knowledge that will help delay disease onset.

This grant of £10,419 funded the purchase of a Western Blot system to significantly improve the analysis of samples.

We have supported Myra and her team when she headed up this research programme at UWE and have decided to continue the relationship now she is at Derby. These are exciting times with the university committed to building a new facility. In turn this will mean an increased demand for important equipment to help the research programme.

This is our third grant bringing the total to over £29,000. Further grants are planned. Our Foundation puts a high priority on help and research into

dementia with the aim of managing this corrosive disease which is estimated will affect 1 in 4 of the population over the age of 80.

## □ Small Grants

We are building relationships with local charities particularly dealing with poverty in its many forms. This is a trend we want to continue.

This year seven small grants (£1000 or less) were made to five charities/not-for-profit organisations during the year totalling £3,500.

### ➤ Triple C, Liverpool



Triple C and the people who run it are a great example of locally based charities serving their communities. They bring the community together and focus on improving life by working with the people they serve. The third grant we made to them was to buy basic food stuffs for their Food Pantry supporting families at Christmas. Later in the year a fourth grant was made to meet the cost of afternoon tea and cakes for their elderly group. The lock-down had put a break on such gatherings so it was particularly pleasing to get this event back on the road.

We want to highlight Triple C as representing what is good about small local charities that are largely run by volunteers. They started life as the Three Churches Project, which brought together the community work being carried out by the three Anglican churches in Norris Green and Croxteth, Liverpool. Their Board of Trustees are all from the local community including vicars, church and community representatives and trustees from community-related agencies. The trustees, staff and large numbers of volunteers are committed to improving the quality of life of disadvantage people in the local area. They encourage local people to get involved in the running of community groups and activities and to contribute to the regeneration of the local area. They have secured funding from a range of supporters, mainly locally based and collaborate with other charities and organisations. Triple C support children and families by offering pre-school groups, after school clubs and holiday activities. They also run food banks and offer debt advice which are both so important.

### ➤ Blooming Blossoms

We have supported Blooming Blossoms in Hackney, London for some years. They undertake wonderful work to help children from deprived backgrounds.

This grant was to buy basic clothing for kids to help them through the winter. Their project 'Share a Pair' will distribute 300 pairs of new socks, undergarments and gently used coats.

The stories about what children in the area have to deal with are truly shattering. One young girl shared that she goes to great pain to arrive at school before anybody so that no one will see that her winter coat is three



sizes too big so that it will fit her for all of secondary school. Another shares that she lines her shoes with a plastic bag to prevent the rain from seeping in. She dreams about getting a spare pair of underwear so that she will not have to hand launder her garments every other day. This is Britain in 2023.

#### ➤ Love Marlborough Kids Meal

A small local not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers whose aim is to get meals to families in need. The families do not need to be referred they



can turn up and be supported. First contact is about getting a hot meal but subsequently they may receive ingredients which they can cook for their family. To help families they often provide slow cookers. Practical help with no bureaucracy and it works. New

relationship for the Foundation and one that we will continue to support.

#### ➤ Lansdown Friendship Club

Another new relationship and one for the longer term. The Lansdown Friendship Club provides friendship and community for people living with dementia and their accompanying family, friends or carers.

The group is not just for people living in Lansdown, Bath but the wider community. Members come from all over Bath and even from adjoining villages. They meet monthly and the focus is to provide a place to meet, talk, share and relax. Meetings start with a coffee, cake, chat and catch-up time followed by an activity which is always popular. Activities range from pottery, exercise, singing, reminiscing through artefacts from the local museum and Boccia (indoor bowls) They endeavour for their activities to reflect the interests, past working lives and hobbies of our members living with memory difficulties.

**Our grant bought Boccia sets and we are planning what we can do next.**

➤ **DEC Pakistan and Turkey/Syria Appeals**



**We would not normally support major appeals but the devastation and suffering in Pakistan and Turkey/Syria could not be ignored and the trustees decided that donations were the right thing to do.**