



Parry Family
Charitable Foundation

Review of Grant Programme 2024/25

□ Grant Budget & Approvals

- The Grant Budget for 2024/25 was £50,000 embracing Main Grants and our Small Grants Fund (SGF).
- We approved 6 Main Grants of £49,096 with an additional 6 grants of £4,150 from our SGF making a total of £53,246.

□ Main Grants

➤ Alder Hey Childrens Hospital Liverpool

Alder Hey is a Partner Charity. This year's grant of £9,974 is the sixth we have made bringing the total to £62,758.

Our grant covered the cost of two state-of-the-art defibrillators.



When a child's heart stops beating, or when they develop a life-threatening arrhythmia, every second counts. Indeed, for every minute a child spends in cardiac arrest without access to a defibrillator, the survival rate drops by 10%. Current equipment is becoming unreliable and does not have the scope and capabilities needed in a children's hospital.



The defibrillators come equipped with rapid power-on and shock delivery; this means that they can be turned on and used within 5 seconds. As time is of the essence during a cardiac event, the speed and efficiency of these devices is critical. The defibrillators also include post-event analysis, accurately assessing the depth and rate of compressions. These insights are invaluable for their resuscitation team and can be used for educational purposes to enhance our effectiveness in applying defibrillation.

➤ 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. Its research 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 £13,773 covers the cost of Agilent BioTek 50 TS Microplate Washer which will improve the reproducibility of experiments and quality of data, whilst reducing time taken, and in turn increases impact for patients. This equipment will support research across childhood disease areas and standardise the approach.

We have now made six grants to Institute in the Park totalling over £89,000.

➤ University of Derby

Professor Myra Conway leads a talented team at the university researching dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

This project will evaluate how diet can regulate this pathway and influence the accumulation of toxic products of AD pathology. will help delay disease onset.

This grant of £10,704 funded the purchase of an electroporation system for cellular transfection and a temperature controlled incubator for *C. elegans*.

The new equipment provides the ability to accelerate the pace of work that contributes to these outputs, which aim to ultimately delay disease onset,

allowing patients to live fuller, healthier lives for longer. With the improvements in the modern equipment, it enables the scope, speed and accuracy of the research work to move to a much higher level.

Data generated using this equipment will be combined with additional



supportive data sets using complementary approaches which improves the quality of the research.

We have supported Myra and her team when she headed up this research programme at UWE and now at the University of 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 fifth grant bringing the total to over £45,000. 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.

➤ Lifeshare, Manchester

Lifeshare is the oldest homeless charity in Manchester. This charity is part of our Homeless Hub.



Lifeshare is a grass roots organisation established by volunteers in 1984 and registered as a Charity in 1989. They provide a 7 day a week wrap around service for the homeless. To those at risk of both homelessness and exploitation across the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester. Their Respite service runs from Friday to Sunday every week aimed at homeless clients, providing a full cooked breakfast, showers, toiletries, clothing, signposting to other services, and offering cooking sessions.



Their Christmas programme covers seven days delivering three meals a day to the homeless. They also offer hot showers and a 'shopping trip' in their clothing bank to give guests not just physical care but also a mental boost. They partner with a variety of support including nurses, hairdressers, barbers, veterinarians, art therapists, entertainment, and cold weather accommodation teams to put all of the support in one place for

those that need it most.

Lifeshare do not receive any funds from the Government or any other public sector body and never have done. Financially they have been hit badly from austerity with many supporters, particularly corporates, unable to continue their support. They have now implemented a programme of cost savings relying more on volunteers and the removal of some peripheral programmes.

Our grant covered one day's cost of their Christmas programme.

Homelessness in a modern and relatively rich economy is a scar on our society and we are determined to build on our relationship with Lifeshare.

This is our third grant to Lifeshare and brings the total to £7,100.

➤ Stockdales, Sale Cheshire

Stockdales has been a "Partner Charity" since 2020. We made our third grant, £10,638, in July 2024 bringing the total to £38,783.



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 centre in Sale the Community Services Group and Children's Club are very popular. Sensory equipment plays an important role for the disabled young people and adults who attend but more was needed. Robust outdoor furniture was also required. Our grant funded these requirements and the new furniture and equipment has significantly improved the experience for everybody who attends. Waterproof slab beanbags, vibrating pillows, jumbo water channelling shute are just some of the sensory kit that have been bought.

The benefits are clear to see but are regularly monitored. Measurable Outcomes for use of sensory equipment and spending time outdoors:

- * Increased attention and focus
- * Reduced anxiety and stress

- * Enhanced motor skills
- * Improved communication
- * Better sleep patterns
- * Increased participation in activities
- * Enhanced social interaction

Stockdales is a special charity which has been delivering important services to many people with disabilities in the Sale area for over 70 years.

➤ Caring Bristol

We wanted to find a like-minded charity in Bristol with a great track record in tackling homelessness. After much research we contacted Caring in Bristol to explore whether they were a good fit to become one of our Homeless Hub charities. We made our first grant in February 2025 and are focused on making this long term relationship a great success.



Caring in Bristol started in 1987 and has developed over the years to become a real force in the city having a significant positive impact on homelessness. Caring's site contains more about the charity's history and how their programmes have developed.



They believe that a safe, warm home is a human right. Despatching homelessness in the city to the history books is the primary objective but while it persists it is all about supporting those in need. Campaigning for change and increasing support for the homeless

are also part of the challenge.

Like many charities addressing the crisis of homelessness, Caring in Bristol could only offer its services because of the huge support it gets from its volunteers and funders.

Our grant of £1,007 covered the cost of a new project Cooking Made Simple which focuses on teaching homeless adults to prepare and enjoy simple wholesome meals. They have seen how nutritious food can transform lives—but there are barriers. Many members hesitate to take certain items from the food club because they're unfamiliar with how to cook them or unsure about their taste. The benefits are wider than the food, there is the confidence that comes with cooking your own meal.

□ 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. Also, small grants are often a first step into a deeper and long term relationship.

This year, 6 small grants (£1000 or less) were made to charities/not-for-profit organisations during the year totalling £4,150.

➤ Hope House, Braintree Essex

£1000

Hope House is a small charity dealing with homelessness in Braintree and surrounding areas in Essex. Our grant funded the weekly community meal which attracts on average 25 homeless people. This project helps break the cycle of loneliness and gives people the opportunity to receive support about accommodation and health care in addition to having a decent meal.



➤ Blooming Blossoms, Hackney London

£1000



A long standing relationship going back to 2016. Blooming Blossoms undertake wonderful work to help children from deprived backgrounds.

This grant was to buy laboratory equipment used in their Mad Discovery Lab which helps children with autism uncover the excitement and adventure in the world of science, technology, engineering and maths.

➤ Love Marlborough Kids Meals, Marlborough

£500

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. To help families they often provide slow cookers. Practical help with no bureaucracy and it works. We have supported Love Marlborough Kids Meals since 2022.



➤ **Woodlands Hospice, Liverpool**

£400



Woodlands believes everyone living with life-limiting illnesses should have access to the best care and support they require at a time that is right for them and their loved ones.

Being in a garden or able to see a garden from their room is important in improving a patient's well-being when they are suffering from a terminal illness. Our grant paid for garden furniture.

This is our first grant to Woodlands but we are currently discussing with them how we can work together on their major projects.

➤ **Swings & Smiles**

£1000



Swings & Smiles provides activities for children and young people with a wide range of disabilities and special needs. They provide opportunities to enjoy playing together without the pressures often experienced in wider community settings.

They support the whole family including parents, carers, the disabled child, brothers, sisters and grandparents. Their support is hugely varied and depends on the needs of the family, they will tailor support to individual need. Swings & Smiles also welcomes visits to the centre from other schools, groups and individuals who may benefit from their facilities. Their vision is a world where everybody has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

Our grant of £1000 matched funds raised by students at Downs School in Berkshire to buy specialist cookery equipment. This would enable the disabled children and young people to attend cookery classes and make wholesome meals for themselves and others. The benefits are independence, community and learning new skills but also the confidence it brings to them all to succeed and achieve.

➤ **Lansdown Friendship Club**

£250

Lansdown Friendship Club (LFC) is a small group in Bath run by volunteers to support people living with dementia and their families. We gave them a grant in 2023 to buy play equipment. This time we helped fund their Christmas 2024 party. The party was a great success with a traditional Christmas lunch, games, singing and lots of laughter.



Lansdown is typical of great groups working in their local communities to support people living with dementia and their families. Bringing people

together gives them so much joy and breaks a pattern of isolation. We will continue to support LFC working with Mary-Jane and the wonderful team of volunteers.