



Always Look on the Bright Side of Life
Charitable Trust

NEWSLETTER

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Happy 1st Birthday 'Bright Side'!

Dear readers,

Welcome to our first Charity Newsletter, to celebrate our first birthday!

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has donated to *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life Charitable Trust* in the past year. We have not undertaken fundraising initiatives this year but may consider this in the future.

Our focus this year has been on setting up and beginning functioning; providing grants to individuals in need according to our charitable purposes and grant-making policy. We were registered by the Charity Commission in December 2012, and thanks to our Website Designer Paul, www.thebrightsideoflife.org.uk was up and running in early 2013. Over the year Paul has added an online application form making it easier to apply for a grant.

In our first year we have given out £3365 in grants to 17 individuals for a variety of purposes. There will be more financial details in our Annual Report.

For the next year we have an updated grant-making policy, with a clearer focus on children in need.

The past year has been a learning curve for all of us, and we now feel more confident to apply the experiences we've learned to ensure a smooth-running applications and decision-making process.

As always, we will continue to be a grant-giving charity striving to use funds to the greatest benefit of our beneficiaries. This means very minimal overheads, no employed staff, and nominal expenses. But this also means it can take some time for the Trustees to organise everything, so please bear with us!

Thanks for all your support!

Gemma and Mike
Trustees

Our Beneficiaries' Stories:

Romesh, aged 5, with his Playmobil Hospital



Romesh was diagnosed with leukaemia aged 4, and has spent much time since in and out of hospital for his treatments. To help her son understand his experience, and have an opportunity to play, his mum applied for a grant for a Playmobil Hospital. His brother Nihal has also had many hospital visits and surgery for a birth defect. We were touched by this family's story and awarded a grant in March for both boys.

Scott, aged 2



Scott is a bright 2 year old who was struggling with communication, physical difficulties and cerebral palsy. In May and September we awarded Scott grants so that he could attend nursery, for the support and stimulation he needs at this crucial developmental stage.