

STOCKDALESPEOPLE

Spring 2019



Do something wonderful and give!

Your donation to Stockdales will help people live their lives to the full; to have new experiences, learn key skills or help provide specialist equipment. You might want to give a one-off donation or become a regular supporter, giving an amount each month to help our work. This will help the future of local children, young people and adults with learning disabilities

At Stockdales we value every single donation we receive, big or small. A regular commitment from you will allow us to plan for the future knowing that that money is coming in every month. Money we can count on. And the monthly amount doesn't have to be huge, as collectively and over time they make a massive difference.

Whether it's a one-off or regular gift, your money will go directly to support one of our projects that make a real difference to people with disabilities. It might help to

provide specialist equipment such as easy chairs, hoists and slings to make people more comfortable or allow them to spend time out of their wheelchairs. It could be put towards Stockies Juniors, our weekend club that helps children to have the same play experiences as other kids. Parents also get some respite from the stresses and strains of caring for their child, as this can be a demanding level of parenting. Or it could go towards a Dream Day, making special memories for people and their friends and family that will last a lifetime.

We understand not everyone is able to make a donation to Stockdales. But if you can, it is a wonderful way to help local children, young people and adults with learning disabilities get the most out of their lives.

Do something wonderful today! To make a donation or become a regular giver, please fill in the form on page 3.

Get in touch!

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STOCKDALES

Supporting Children & Adults with Learning Disabilities in Manchester

Registered Charity No. 509053

Our bank details have changed – please see Page 3 for full information.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Charity begins at home

When we heard Lilly Hampson wanted friends to buy gifts for charity for her 11th birthday, we were so touched. She wanted to do something to help other children. How fantastic is that?

We were delighted to give her a list of items needed for our kids club for her to suggest to her friends. Items such as jigsaws, paints and dressing up clothes are all favourites with the boys and girls we support at Stockies Juniors.

We hope Lilly had a fantastic birthday and think she is wonderfully kind! Her parents must be incredibly proud.



Resist temptation

The New Year brings all sorts of resolutions which might include Dry January or cutting down on chocolate after the indulgence of the festive period. If that's the case we can help you by you helping us! Put temptation out of your way by donating your unwanted bottles of booze or boxes of chocolates to Stockdales. We can put them to great use as prizes, in raffles and on our tombolas, raising lots of valuable funds throughout the year. We can also use your unwanted gifts, toiletries and jewellery as well. You can drop donations off at our offices at 34 Harboro Rd in Sale, for the attention of Sally or Natalie.

All items should be in "as new" condition and bottles and toiletries need to be in date and sealed. We are sorry but we cannot accept, books, CDs, DVDs or clothing.



Stolen minibus

We were devastated that our specially converted silver mini bus was stolen from our premises in early January. What a way to start the New Year! And we just can't believe that anyone would take this invaluable vehicle and deprive disabled people from getting out and about. In 2012, we fundraised to buy the specially adapted vehicle which cost £44,000. Having this minibus meant we could take people with the highest needs to more places. Plus it's special adaptations meant wheelchair users could travel safely and securely too.

Promoting independence is at the heart of what we do and the theft of our bus has made things difficult for us. But whilst we're outraged at what has happened, we couldn't let our service users down. Everyone has pulled together in true Stockdales spirit to make sure our services aren't impacted too much. We have continued with our activities as planned, hiring transport to meet our needs. But this has come at some considerable cost to the charity.



We anticipate that insurance will go some way to replacing the vehicle. But in the meantime, if you would like help us get back on the road and make a donation to help with the exceptional costs or to support our work in any way we would be very grateful.

Home Sweet Home update

Although we are still waiting for planning permission to come through, we've been working hard to secure the funds for the conversion costs of our 5th residential home. We have been busily writing applications for funding so we are good to go when the planning comes through. And it has been paying off! The total for the Home Sweet Home Appeal now stands at £826,240 so we are well on our way to achieving our target figure of £1.1m! We can't wait to get things moving and to be able to offer more people with disabilities a home with Stockdales. You can make a donation to this wonderful project by visiting www.justgiving.com/Stockdales or by sending a cheque to 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH.



Make a donation today by filling in the form below, which includes a gift aid declaration. Or for any eligible past donations, ask us for a gift aid declaration form. We will receive an additional 25p for every £1 you donate! What could be better than that? The only requirement is that you are a UK tax payer and have given us your permission to claim the tax back from the government.

Make your donation worth more



Help Stockdales with a donation

New bank details below

I'd like to help Stockdales (registered Charity No: 509053). Please return to: Stockdales, 34 Harboro Rd, Sale, M33 5AH

I'd like to make a one off donation of £..... (Cheque payable to "Stockdales")

I'd like to make a regular donation

(a) Title First Name Surname

Address..... Postcode

Email..... Telephone Date

(b) Standing Order for Regular Giving

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)..... Sort Code..... Bank A/c No.....

Name and address of Bank.....

To the Manager: Please debit my account the sum of £..... on(dd).....(mm).....(yy) and on the same day of each consecutive month.

**Please send to: Bank Account: 53865169 Sortcode: 20-82-14 Account Name: Stockdales of Sale
Bank: Barclays Bank Plc, 1 Bridge Street, Stockport, SK1 1XU**

(c) Gift Aid I am a UK taxpayer and would like Stockdales to reclaim tax on all of my donations before and after the above date.

Please note: you should pay income or capital gains tax equal to the tax we will reclaim on your donations (currently 25p for every £1 that you give). Please let us know if your circumstances change.

■ From time to time we would like to send you information about our work. Please tick the box if you're happy to receive this. You can contact us on 0161 973 2296 or email fundraising@stockdales.org.uk if you want to change your preferences at any time.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Festive fundraising

With the decorations packed away for another year, Christmas may seem like a distant memory! But the impact made by the money you helped us raise from our Christmas appeals, will be felt throughout 2019 and beyond.

Our Christmas Fair is always a great start to the festive celebrations. With sales from the fair, our pop up shop and from the Ashton on Mersey Christmas Market we raised a fantastic £2,291.63! A massive thank you to everyone that made it possible by donating items for us to sell, volunteering or by coming along and supporting us.

With fantastic prizes on offer including £150 in cash, wonderful hampers, chocolate, boozy and a pamper hamper, as well as the obligatory oversized cuddly toy, the Christmas draw was well supported. We raised £760.67 which is great news for everyone we support.

The Snowman Appeal really took off this year with wonderful customised little chaps arriving by the dozen! We think you will agree the gorgeous little chap knitted by Vivien Brooke was a well-deserved winner.



Santa Dash

On a chilly morning in December, over 400 runners donned their Christmas Hats, Santa costumes and running shoes to raise cash for Stockdales. The event was kindly organised by local running group, The Mile Shy Club. Guest of honour was The Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Tom Ross, who swapped his chains for running gear to take part in the event. Also keen not to miss out on the action, three of our service users joined in by completing a 2.5K walk. Dedicated staff pushed their wheelchairs around Sale Waterpark. Each participant received a special festive themed medal and goody bag. And there was the chance to have a photo with Santa at the finish line too.

The Dash raised a Santa-tastic £1,000! Mile Shy club founder, Jane Dennison,

said "Being able to raise funds for a local charity such as Stockdales where family and friendship are hugely significant has been a fantastic thing to do. We thought we might raise a few hundred pounds, so to hit £1,000 is incredible!"

Special thanks goes to Jane and the gang at Mile Shy. We know how much effort goes into organising events! Thanks to everyone who took part in or supported the event as well. It's much appreciated by everybody at Stockdales.



Dates for your diary

Vintage Tea Party

Sunday 19th May 1-3pm
34 Harboro Road

Join us for an afternoon of sandwiches, fizz and lovely cake!

Irish Night

Saturday 25th May
The English Martyrs Club,
Whalley Range

Join Pat Jordan and special guests for non-stop dancing and fabulous fundraising.

Charity Golf Day

Wednesday 26th June
Sale Golf Club

An excellent day out on the course followed by a 3 course dinner, entertainment, raffle and auction.
£350 per team of 4.

The Autumn Ball

Saturday 12th October
The Radisson Blu Edwardian

A five star evening in Manchester with a drinks reception, dinner, raffle, live music, auction and dancing until late.

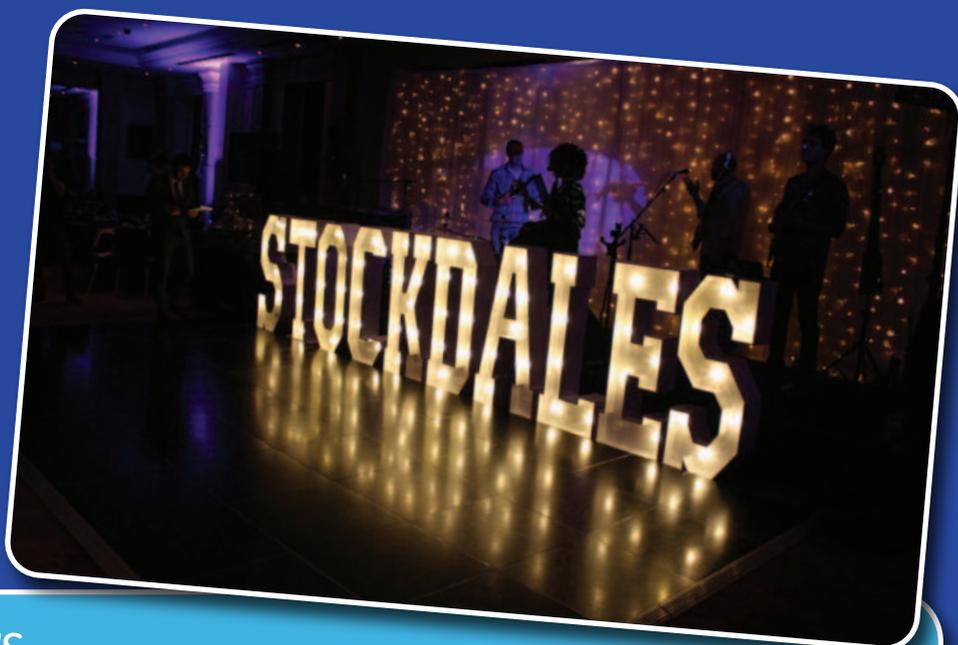
£70pp / £650 per table.

Sponsorship opportunities available.

Christmas Fair

Sunday 24th November
34 Harboro Rd

Santa's first stop! Gift and decoration stalls, refreshments, tombolas, refreshments, Santa's grotto and more!



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The season for loving and giving

The wonderful people from Christ Embassy Church have been so generous, donating loads of healthy food for us to enjoy. The group took time again to deliver loads of fresh ingredients to mark the celebration of their President's week. During their visit they met some of the people we support and saw what a difference their lovely donations make. We made sure each of our four homes got a share of the food donation and are certain they turned it into lots of delicious meals for everyone to enjoy! Special thanks to everyone at Christ Embassy for their amazing support.



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Amazing every day!

It's easy to forget just how fragile the health of some of the people we support can be when we see them doing the things we take for granted. Like meeting up for a coffee in Sale or doing more adventurous things like abseiling or canoeing! Every day we care for people with complex health conditions, making sure that all their needs are met and that they get the most out of their lives.

When someone becomes ill we see just how vulnerable they can be. A simple illness can quickly become much more serious, which can mean medical intervention is sometimes necessary. This may mean simply taking additional medicines at home. But sometimes it can mean a stay in hospital is needed. This is challenging for everyone including the staff team who rise to the challenge at the drop of a hat. Normal service continues in our residential homes when we are caring for people in hospital, which can sometimes include end of life support for people and their families. Our staff are a familiar face in what can be a very scary place for any of us. Despite all the challenges they face, we're always amazed at just how resilient the people we support are.



Recovery may be a long road but we are with them all the way. Supporting vulnerable people is so rewarding, and every day is different. Some days leave staff feeling a bit frazzled while on others they are buzzing because they have helped someone to achieve something amazing.

We are proud to make a difference every day and that's what puts a smile on our faces!

Goodbye to a great friend - Heather Gresty 1938 – 2018

The Gresty family have been involved with Stockdales for many years. So we were especially saddened to hear that Heather Gresty passed away in November of last year.

During the 1970s and 80s, Heather volunteered with Stockdales, helping out at meal times and with fundraising events. The family have fond memories of her helping to organise the obstacle race as part of the Sale Festival. Husband John was on the committee during this time and her son Tony is now a trustee of Stockdales.

It was heart-warming that the family chose Stockdales as one of the charities for people to donate to in Heather's memory. We offer our condolences to them and thank them for their generosity.



VIP visitor to Stockdales!

Early in January we were delighted to be able to welcome The Mayor of Trafford, Tom Ross, to Stockdales. Tom, who is Trafford's youngest ever Mayor, paid an official visit to Stockdales. CEO Emma along with Trustee Nigel and Fundraising Manager Natalie showed Tom around the main site where he met resident Charlotte who was super excited to have a picture taken with our VIP visitor! The group discussed our plans for the future, the development of our services and the progress of our exciting Home Sweet Home Appeal.



Brian is coming on in leaps and bounds

Brian is now a bubbly little eight year old boy. But when he first joined us in 2017 things were very different. He was extremely shy, unsure of anything new and had little verbal communication. Instead he chose body language to communicate. He also had behaviours that were often difficult to manage. But with time and patience these are seen less and less, to the point where they are rare now.

In the beginning Brian was supported through our Home Care Support service with carers taking him out at evenings and weekends. We spent time trying to understand what was right for Brian and how we could help him. Working with his school and social workers we realised he was a bright little boy who might benefit from attending our Stockies Juniors Saturday club. At first he mainly sat and played with his cars on his own. But over

time he started to join in with the activities offered and make friendships with other the children.

The next step for Brian was to come along to Stockdales in the afternoons. The school bus dropped him off after class where he was met by his carer. We made sure the play room was a safe and familiar place for Brian full of his favourite toys and games. He soon relaxed in our care and settled into his new routine. His favourite pastime is to play with the chalk on the floor. Brian can now sing nursery rhymes whilst chalking, especially if the rhymes involve counting.

Working with Brian's parents and the school we have been able to provide a stable environment for Brian where he can flourish. It is a delight to see just how far he has come. But it doesn't stop there.



This year we hope to support Brian to be more confident when out and about in the community. The future is looking bright for this little boy!

Our tasty new kitchen

With four residential houses, soon to be five, the programme of refurbishment is on-going here at Stockdales. Just before Christmas we had a new kitchen fitted at our property on Ashton Lane.

Here, residents have benefitted over the last few years from the addition of a lovely light and airy conservatory. Plus the redesign of the sitting room and dining areas have made a real difference to how the living space is used. There is plenty of room to welcome friends and family, room to watch TV or sit and have a little quiet time. What was missing was an up to date kitchen to make food preparation for staff and residents much more inclusive.

As any of you that have had a new kitchen fitted will know, it is no small undertaking. There was plenty of dust and noise along with the inconvenience of it all. Builders re-plastered, re-wired and re-worked the space. After a hectic couple of weeks, lots of hard work and a good deal of patience, the new kitchen was revealed in all its glory. It looks super chic with its high gloss pale grey cupboards and soft close doors!



**Support worker Lindsay said:
"Its brilliant! Even I enjoy cooking now".
We must say her hot pot did smell delicious!**

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Christian – the life and soul of the party

Christian is a real charmer and always brings a smile to our faces whenever we meet up with him in his regular sessions or at one of our parties!

Christian has been one of the gang for a while now and has made some great friends in his Lifeskills sessions and at our weekly social clubs. He makes the most of the variety of the activities we can offer. Whether he is keeping everyone's spirits up on a long and wet walk in a Really Wild session, enjoying the company of friends for a meal out, or throwing shapes with pals on the dance floor at the Summer Ball or Christmas Party. Christian is always the life and soul of the party, having fun and keeping us all entertained. There really is no stopping him with his boundless energy and beaming smile!



We are delighted to offer somewhere for Christian to be a part of; to feel comfortable and be himself. We look forward to enjoying his company for many more years to come.

Dancing on ice stars

It's a new year with new challenges and our first challenge was ice dancing. Well if the celebs can do it, we can too!

We love trying something new, so on a chilly January day we wrapped up warm and headed off to Planet Ice in Altrincham. Eric and Gavin loved gliding over the ice, expertly guided by staff members Kelvin and Mirella. Kelvin said "It was great fun whizzing round, having the chairs for support really helped but even so, I for one, definitely need a bit more practice!" In the immortal words of Arnie, "I (we) will be back!"

We are always looking for new experiences and challenges for people to take part in. With a some thought and organisation, there is very little that stops us from getting involved and making the most of what's on offer. It's something we at Stockdales pride ourselves on, helping people live their lives to the full!



Some pig!

Back in the summer, a lucky group from Lifeskills were invited to spend a day on an employee's farm by our friends and supporters from Lloyds Banking Group.

Whilst there, Gail was delighted to win a competition to name one of the farm's gorgeous little piglets. At Christmas, the owners, Ian and Agnieszka, sent Gail a wonderful framed picture of her piglet as a souvenir. She couldn't have been more thrilled. Thank you so much for making her day!

For more news and stories, check out our website www.stockdales.org.uk