



The Archie Foundation Newsletter November 2023

Dear Mel

It may only be mid-November but for Team Archie it is most definitely beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. This is the time of year when our supporters, staff and volunteers work harder than ever to ensure lots of festive cheer for the children, families and NHS staff we support. There are many ways you can get involved plus one very quick and simple way you can help us next year too. If you haven't done so already, please vote for Archie to be one of the Press & Journal's official charity partners for 2024.

Whatever you do, thank you so very much for helping Archie to be here for babies, children and families when it matters most.

Best wishes

Paula Cormack

Chief Executive



Thorntons Law Sportschallenge Dinner in Dundee Was A Huge Success



Earlier in the year we were very fortunate to be chosen by Thorntons Law to benefit from their "Sportschallenge" dinner. The event was their first post-pandemic and was a huge success, raising an incredible £14,631 for Archie! We were delighted to welcome committee members to visit the new Children's Theatre Suite at Ninewells so they could see first hand the difference donations from their previous Sportschallenge dinners has made. This year the committee have chosen to support Archie's emergency grants programme and difference for local children.

Youth Philanthropy Initiative Engages The Next Generation of Archie Supporters

The Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is an impactful and empowering programme that encourages secondary school aged children to learn about and get involved in actively supporting charities in their community. Pupils create a presentation based on what they have learned and pitch to win a grant for their chosen charity. Archie has received a number of grants over the years, earned by some very impressive young people! This year Alford Academy had a double win, being one of the first in Scotland to complete their YPI programme for the 2023/24 academic year and securing a grant of £3,000 for The Archie Foundation into the bargain!



Outside-of-the-truck Thinking Applied to Corporate Support



Seafield Park Transport apply some real outside-of-the-box thinking when it comes to corporate social responsibility (CSR) and philanthropy. For a number of years now they have donated auction prizes with a difference for our Highland Fundraising Committee events, including the recent and highly successful "Moonlight Ball for Archie". Guests were invited to bid to secure naming rights on one of the company's haulage trucks. Great advertising for the charity, a lovely way for the winning bidder to apply when it comes to fundraising.

Team Rosie Go The Distance With Rosie's Road Run Across The North Coast 500!

Born at just 29 weeks, two year old Rosie is a fundraising inspiration to her family. Dad, Craig, was first to take up the baton when Rosie was just months old, running a 46km route a total of 46 times, one for every night his daughter had spent in Aberdeen Neonatal Unit. Craig's challenge featured on STV. Grandad, Charley, took up the fundraising baton next, hosting a series of auctions and other fundraisers at the Keith Country Show. Determined to take the family's fundraising beyond their £20,000 target, Charley and his friend Colin undertook "Rosie's Road Run", covering the North Coast 500 in a classic truck. This lovely short film records their epic journey which raised £6,632 for Archie's Baird Appeal. Best of all, Grandad made it home in time for Rosie's second birthday party!



Delivering The Difference In Neonatal Care Today and For the Future



The new Baird Family Hospital will be a centre for excellence in maternity and neonatal care for the north east and Archie's Baird Appeal is a key part of this exciting project. Our fundraising will deliver the difference across three key themes - enhancing design and decor, funding specialist equipment and delivering additional services to support families. We're all impatient to see the new facility open. The good news is that by working with our NHS colleagues we've identified opportunities to put Archie's Baird Appeal donations to work immediately, so babies and families being cared for right now can benefit. New pieces

of life-saving equipment requested for the Baird have been funded, purchased, installed and put to use in Aberdeen Neonatal Unit, so babies being cared for today can benefit in the same way that others will benefit from the same equipment when it moves over to the Baird in due course. Babies don't wait and nor should we.

Making Outdoor Adventures Possible for Abby and Many More Like Her

Earlier in the year I told you about four year old Abby who has spastic quadriplegia cerebral palsy and, having outgrown her all-terrain buggy, was becoming increasingly housebound. Thanks to your support Archie was able to fund a new all-terrain chair which Abby's mum told us "has made such a difference to us as a family, as we are no longer constrained to walks around our local village. Abby loves being out in the country; you can see from the picture how much she enjoys it and how comfortable she is. We're looking forward to many, many more outdoor adventures." Abby's is one of many buggies and wheelchairs we've funded this year - on behalf of every child who has benefitted - thank you!



What Does £10 Mean to You? For Some Families It Means More Than We Can Imagine



We receive funding applications on a daily basis from families who are struggling both financially and emotionally. One application hit me particularly hard this week. It was for just £10, to fund a taxi to take a child to a hospital appointment. For many families £10 means accessing healthcare. Or not. Next time you spend £10 please consider what it means to you and if you could perhaps sacrifice that spend in favour of a donation to Archie to help a child in need.

Celebrate Aberdeen Recognition for Inspirational Archie Trustee, Anne!

At last month's Celebrate Aberdeen Awards Archie Trustee and Co-founder of what is now Archie's Child Bereavement Service, Anne Bone, was crowned "Heart of the Community" and we couldn't be happier to see her formally recognised for the outstanding difference she has made to so many local children and families. Anne is driven by a desire to help others and her measure of success is always "if we've helped one child". Anne is a genuine inspiration and so very highly thought of by her fellow trustees and committee members, the Archie staff team and the literally hundreds of children and families that she has directly supported, not to mention the thousands of teachers, social workers and other childcare professionals who have benefitted from her training over the years.



Well done and congratulations Anne, this award is so very well deserved!

There Are So Many Ways To Get Involved In Making Christmas Special



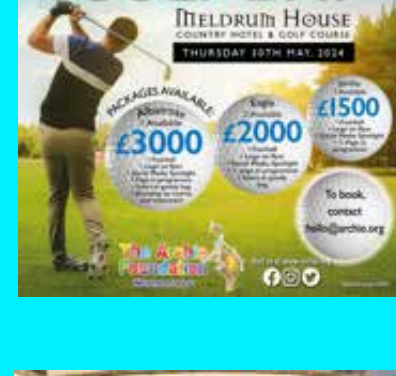
No child wants to spend Christmas in hospital but the sad reality is that many children will. For some it won't be their first. Tragically for others, it could be their last. We want to make this Christmas the best it possibly can be for all the children and families we support. For the parents sitting by their baby's cotside willing them to pull through. For the families hanging a stocking on the end of a hospital bed. For the children facing their first Christmas without a key member of their family. Each day throughout December we'll do something special to bring a bit of festive cheer to the children and families we support and to our NHS colleagues who care for them. With your help we can make it extra special.

Come and Visit Santa at Archie's Christmas Workshop In Gillies of Broughty Ferry

This year we're going one better than our Grottos of yesteryear. We're embarking on a magical festive extravaganza like no other - Archie's Christmas Workshop, kindly hosted by Gillies of Broughty Ferry. As well as the opportunity to meet the main man there will be Santa's Letters Workshops. The Workshop will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from the 1st to the 18th December, between 12pm and 2pm. Book your slot today!



There are lots of ways to get involved this Christmas. Click on the links below for more information and for a sneak look ahead to some of our 2024 events.



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