



NEWS AND EVENTS

from
**Think Children
Spring 2022**



Think Children were delighted to be the chosen charity at the prestigious Newark Business Awards 2021 and for our Development Manager, Wendy Walton-Towle, to have the opportunity to speak so passionately about the amazing service we provide to local children. Thank you to everyone who donated on the night, and Sharon Hodkin, Editor of the Newark Advertiser, and to Sharon Marriott, Events Manager Iliffe Media, for their support. The final amount raised was a fantastic £1,470! This hair-raising total included £210 from the sale of wigs kindly donated by Steff Wright of Gusto Group Ltd.



Photo left to right- Jim Gould Think Children's Chair, Chris Maxwell Quality Assurance Manager, Wendy Walton-Towle Development Manager, Cathy Bow Resources Manager.

Lands End to John O'Groats

A big thank you from everyone at Think Children to Hannah Kelly, Customer Services Advisor at the International Logistics Centre Ltd, Irish Groupage and her colleague Marie Valentine who are taking part in the Lands' End to John O'Groats challenge during 2022 to raise money for Think Children. The challenge can be completed by walking, running, or biking the 874 miles in your spare time. Hannah started her challenge the first weekend in January by taking on Ben Nevis, the tallest mountain in the UK. Hannah said "Ben Nevis was incredible, very deep snow and sub-zero temperatures which were quite fun".



Anyone wishing to sponsor Hannah or Marie can do so by the link <https://www.justgiving.com/think-children> and clicking on the 874 miles fundraising link.

Thanks to the Trusthouse CF more children struggling to cope emotionally will be offered Think Children's support



Trusthouse
Charitable Foundation

The pandemic is having a major impact on the lives of children and with the reduction of statutory services it is even more important that Think Children helps as many young children as possible enabling them to cope with the situations they are facing. We are pleased to announce that in February 2022 we secured funding from The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation to expand our service. A suitably qualified person will be recruited this year to help children with more complex needs, support groups of children and run assemblies on topics such as coping with anxiety and stress. A massive thank you to the trustees of the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation. More information will follow!

Thank you to two Grant Making Trusts new to Think Children

The Albert Hunt Trust

Thank you for your generous grant of £2,000 to help pay the direct activity costs to provide 20 children with the crucial early support they need.

The Trust's aim is to promote health and well being.

Gay & Peter Hartley's Hillard's Charitable Trust

Thank you for your wonderful grant of £1,000.

The Trust's mission is to support social welfare opportunities in towns once served by Hillard's stores. The trust make grants to local charitable organisations that share the Trust's vision of enhancing social support in those communities.

Keep up to date on all our news on our website, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Toy Kit Donations



Newark Palace Theatre kindly donated toy kit items to our fieldworkers (pictured right). The items were presented at Think Children's mutual support group meeting on the 14th January 2022. The items will be part of the toy kit the children use in the one to one emotional well-being sessions that help children build strategies that will enable them to cope with the difficult issues they are facing.

Many thanks to Emma Drifill, a Duty managers at the Palace Theatre, who organised the gifts.



Think Children are now on ASDA's Green Token Giving Scheme! Voting ends 31st May 2022.

Please vote online via the link

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4201>

Two ways you can help support Think Children's work

1. Become a sponsor of Think Children. Just complete the form on page 4 or
2. Buy a Newark and Sherwood Community Lottery Ticket ; search for Think Children at <https://www.newarkandsherwoodlottery.co.uk>

You will then be playing a part in helping Think Children to provide the one to one support for children that are really struggling to cope with the issues they are facing.

Your support is needed more than ever in these unusual times.

Thank you to all who helped make Think Children's service possible, it would not happen without your support



Cheque Presentation from to the Rotary Club of Newark



Think Children are very grateful to the Rotary Club of Newark who generously donated £1,000. Rotary President David Shannon was delighted to be able to hand over the cheque to our Development Manager, Wendy Walton-Towle, in person at the club's meeting rather than remotely. As well as supporting the effective work we do with local children who may be struggling to cope with emotional issues, there was another poignant reason to choose Think Children. Their late member Jenny Gadsby was the Treasurer of our charity and would have become the joint President of the Rotary Club of Newark this year. Mr Shannon said "Making Think Children our single



primary charity for my year as president was also a fitting memorial to Jenny, taken so tragically in a riding accident last winter."

D C R Allen CT	£3,000
Nottingham Soroptimist Trust	£2,000
Newark Rotary Club	£1,000
Newark Business Awards	£1,470
Amanda Lee Charitable Trust	£ 750
The Hugh Neill Charity	£ 500
Magdalen Hospital Trust	£2,000
Gay & Peter Hartley Hillard's CT	£1,000
Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust	£2,090
Albert Hunt Trust	£2,000
Michael Cornish Charitable Trust	£1,000
Marsh Christian Trust	£ 650
Winnifred Potter Charitable Trust	£2,000
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	£8,974

Wendy Walton-Towle delivers a presentation to the Newark Business Club February 2022

Newark Business Club has become one of the leading business clubs in the East Midlands, with over 100 businesses regularly attending monthly breakfast meetings, attracting visitors, guests and speakers from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. The business club is widely acknowledged as proactive and influential, building strong relationships with local businesses, charities and larger organisations to project Newark locally, regionally and nationally. Think Children along with 2 other local charities delivered presentations to the members, which were extremely well received. Thank you to the Business club and to Simon Gabbitas for their help and support in raising the profile of our charity.



New Board Members would be welcomed

Think Children are looking to recruit new board members who would be interested in being part of our marvellous charity that help so many young children going through tough times. If you are interested please get in touch through our website thinkchildren.org.uk or ring 01636 676887

We would love to hear from you.

British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy

Think Children are proud to announce that we are now members of the BACP register demonstrating that we meet high standards of proficiency, professionalism and ethical practice giving even more reassurance to our service users, members and funders. Our membership number is 119809.

Development Manager retires after 23 years

Wendy Walton-Towle, Think Children's Development Manager is retiring at the end of March. When Wendy started in 1999 the charity was helping 130 children a year and were looking to expand the service into the City and Ashfield areas. Since then the charity has grown considerably providing effective early intervention across the City and County of Nottingham helping 1,000's of children who are struggling emotionally. Wendy has helped raise the profile and increased the income for the charity considerably. She is well known in the voluntary and statutory sectors and has built many relationships with the fantastic Trust and Foundations that support the Charity.

Wendy said *"I will miss the wonderful people I have got to know over so many years, the staff, the board and our funders"*.

Think Children are very sad to see you go Wendy, but wish you a long and happy retirement.



Thank you to the Cranfield Trust

Think Children are privileged to have been selected to receive support from the Cranfield Trust. The Trust will work with us to help our charity unlock new methods by supporting strategy planning and change that will increase our potential and relevance moving forward. The pandemic has had a major impact on the lives of all young people but particularly the young children we work with.

Partnership Working with School Reaps Rewards

Think Children work in partnership with 35-40 Primary Schools across the City and County of Nottingham aiming to improve the emotional well-being, confidence and self-esteem of children.

"In an average classroom, ten children will have witnessed their parents separate, eight will have experienced severe physical violence, sexual abuse or neglect, one will have experienced the death of a parent and seven will have been bullied" (MHFA England 15.10.20).

Increasing numbers of children and young people with a probable mental health disorder has now risen to one in six. Early help is crucial to prevent issues from escalating. Our evaluation shows that after 12 Think Children session 86% of children show a positive change.



Become A Sponsor Of Think Children

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I would like to be a sponsor of Think Children and make a one off donation of £.....

I would like to be a sponsor of Think Children and make a monthly contribution of £

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Please treat this and subsequent payments as Gift Aid, which allows us to increase the value of your donation by 28p in every £1.

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Return Via email to resources@thinkchildren.org.uk or post to Think Children, Northgate Business Centre, 38-40 Northgate, Newark NG24 1EZ.

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Thank you