

Happy New Year to all our members and welcome to our first newsletter of 2018! We at the Glasgow branch are very excited about the year ahead. Read on to find out what's in store for 2018.

2017 was jam-packed and we welcomed lots of new families into our ever growing community. It was great to meet so many of you at our events and days out.

Here's what we've been up to since our last newsletter in November...

### RECENT ACTIVITY

#### **Christmas Stalls**

We raised £425.40 at our stall at the Glasgow Charities Christmas Fayre at the City Chambers on 14th November.

We went on to hold two Christmas Fayres at the Children's Hospital- one on 28th November and one on 19<sup>th</sup> December. These raised £586.10 and £420 respectively. Thank you to our volunteers, those who donated goods and those who came to say hello and support us on each of these days. Thanks to you our festive stalls raised a combined total of £1431.50!

#### **Christmas Party Glasgow**

Our Christmas party on 3<sup>rd</sup> December was very busy and great fun!

This year we were lucky to have many kind donations to help us provide a party for families- the Riverside Hall in Govan provided use of the hall and a slushie for each child. We also received cash donations from Asda and Govan Housing Association which helped towards the cost of entertainment, food and gifts.

Councillor Frank Docherty also donated a gift for each child. We are very grateful to these donors and to our volunteers for making these events possible. Thank you! A special thank you to Joan and Pauline Lorimer for providing a fantastic buffet. Just what we needed to keep us going through the games and dancing!



## Christmas Party Aberdeen

Lisa Simon's held a Christmas party for North-East families on 16<sup>th</sup> December. A great time was had by all.

Lisa's son, Ollie is currently in hospital following his Fontan surgery and we wish him well in his recovery.



Photos by Jill Bryant Photography

## Dumbarton Support Group

We are excited to tell you that Sheona Kennedy has now launched a regular meet up in the Dumbarton area for families from Clydebank to Balloch/Helensburgh. If you live or work in and around the area you are most welcome to join. Please get in touch with Sheona at [sheona74@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sheona74@yahoo.co.uk)



## CARAVAN

Bookings are being taken for the 2018 season which opens on 31st March. The Association's 3 bedroom caravan is fully equipped to a very high standard and is situated near picturesque Pitlochry in the heart of Scotland. Click [here](#) to view availability or to find out more about the caravan and how to book. Please note that during school holiday periods priority will be given to families with school age children.

## WHAT? WHY? CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL

We are proud to have supported What? Why? Children in Hospital's project to help teenagers living with a heart condition.

The film, made in collaboration with the cardiology, psychology, and play specialist teams at Glasgow addresses the issues faced by our teenagers and young people.

A huge thank you to all the young people and their families who came along to filming to share their experiences. Your voices are so valuable! The finished video is due to launch in March and we will keep you informed of its release.

## OVER THE WALL

Over the Wall is a Children's Charity who provide free, fun camps for children, teenagers and families affected by serious illness. Applications for family and sibling camps will be accepted up until 9<sup>th</sup> February. Dates of Scottish camps are available here;

<http://www.otw.org.uk/2018-camp-dates/>

## FUNDRAISING

### **Fundraiser Gig**

We are delighted that Alternative Promotions have chosen to fundraise for SACHD at their upcoming [Rock It! For Charity](#) gig on 1st February 2018. This is a free event with voluntary donations collected during the evening. Please come along to hear some live music and support us if you can!

### **YPI Scotland**

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative is a programme where school students choose a charity they care about and make an application on their behalf for a YPI grant award of £3,000. We are lucky enough to be represented by two different schools in this year's competition-

A group of students from Hutchesons' Grammar and a group from Trinity High School in Renfrew. It was a pleasure meeting up with each group. Thank you for choosing to represent the charity and good luck!

## UPCOMING DATES

### **Family Weekend**

This year's Family Weekend in Pitlochry will take place from 11-13<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you to Caroline and Lesley who are organising this year's event again.

Booking is open to all families who have experienced having a child with a heart condition and will go live via the SACHD website on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, remaining open until 19<sup>th</sup> March. All spaces will be confirmed by 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The weekend is held at the fully accessible Atholl Centre in beautiful Pitlochry. The weekend includes activities such as cycling, swimming, boating and putting, for those who wish to take part and is a great way to meet other families who understand your journey. Accommodation and meals (catering for all dietary needs)

are included and offered at affordable rates, subsidised by the Association.

Should you have any questions please contact [sachdevents@gmail.com](mailto:sachdevents@gmail.com)

### **Science Centre Day Out**

Following the success of last year's family trip to Glasgow's Science Centre we plan to return very soon. Details to follow...

### **Meeting**

Our next parents meeting will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February in room 008 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Children's Hospital. A hot cuppa and a listening ear awaits anyone interested in coming along to find out more about the charity.

We hope to see you at one of our meetings or events very soon. If you would like to ask any questions or are looking for support please contact any of us and we'll be glad to help. Our contacts are listed below.

Best wishes from your Glasgow Branch

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