

JANKI SAYE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT (MAY 2015 - MAY 2016)

Charity Registration No. 1161371

Trustees

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Structure, governance and management

The Janki Saye Foundation (JSF) was registered with the Charity Commission on 21 April 2015 and is constituted by the Trust Deed.

Objectives and activities

The objects of JSF, as governed by the Trust Deed, are to provide relief of disability for public benefit by providing grants to fund specialist equipment, in particular, but not exclusively that will aid and assist communications for individuals with disabilities and special needs.

The aim of JSF is to raise funds in order to provide grants to fund assistive technologies for individuals with disabilities and special needs. Applications for grants are reviewed and approved by all trustees before any funds are released.

Achievements and performance

Fundraising and Donations

A total of £15,964 was raised through fundraising activities, donations, gift aid and limited sales of cards and calendars.

The majority of funds (£14,902) was raised through donations, a large portion being start-up funds donated directly by the co-founders.

Grants Awarded

A total of £5,800 was awarded in grants to the following 6 beneficiaries:

1. *Patrick*

A professional building services design consultant engineer who worked on award winning projects. In 2009 he suddenly lost his sight and became registered blind. His

sudden loss of his sight left him devastated, and losing the ability to read led to further despair, anger and depression. After learning to touch type, use a computer and access email, Patrick actively helped other people with visual impairments. After some time, he felt ready to start return to work as a consultant. But, as he attended meetings, it was clear that he required someone to accompany him to read documents or to have the papers transcribed to CD format which he then had to commit to memory in advance of the meeting.

Patrick was awarded a grant of £1,960 to fund a Prodigy Duo 2 in 1 (desktop and handheld) reading device which enables him to access previously inaccessible materials such as job postings, research papers and specialist/reference books. The handheld device also stores documents which he can then take to meetings.

2. Jessica

A young adult who was born with Angelman syndrome, which causes developmental delay and lack of speech and also affects her co-ordination and cognitive functions. We launched the campaign to raise enough money to provide Jessica with an EyeGaze machine which enables her to communicate and express herself using her eyes to control the cursor. Having reassessed Jessica's needs and capabilities, her mother decided that a solution using iPads and assistive communication software would go a long way to opening up Jessica's world.

Jessica was awarded a grant of £2,000 to fund a sturdy iPad Pro with Prologuo2go for home use and an iPad mini with Go Talk Now, Pictello and Scene Speak which she can use when she is outside.

3. Jasmine

A young adult with a number of complex conditions, including selective mutism, autism, dyspraxia and dyslexia and anxiety disorder. The selective mutism means that she is unable to communicate with others outside of her family home, and within the home she only communicates with her mother (who is her voice) and her sister.

Her condition makes her extremely vulnerable when she is outside her home and, without her mum, she is unable to tell anyone if she is hurt or in pain.

Jasmine was awarded a grant of £150 to fund the Prologuo2go communications software for her iPad.

4. Harry

A 13 year old with autism, global developmental delay, epilepsy and various other conditions.

This means he struggles with communication as he is non-verbal with the mental capability of a small child.

Harry was awarded a grant of £470 to replace his old iPad so that he could continue to watch his DVDs, which is his main pleasure, and to communicate with his family using the Prologuo2go communications software.

5. Kyle

An 11 year old with language impairment, multi-sensory disorder, autistic traits and learning difficulties. These conditions make his life difficult and hinder both his educational and social growth.

Kyle was awarded a grant of £536 to fund an iPad so that he could use assistive applications recommended by an educational psychologist and his speech and language therapist.

6. David

An adult with Multiple Sclerosis whose functional ability to use his hands to use a keyboard on a laptop/computer has declined. This means he is unable to use his computer which he requires to retain his independence in dealing with financial affairs, emails and social media.

David was awarded a grant of £1,000 to fund the PCEyeGo system (in partnership with the MS Society), which allows him to access his computer using his eyes and regain his independence.

Other Expenditure

A total of £1,092 was spent on events, marketing, merchandise, online fundraising platform fees and bank fees.

All costs were covered by reserves donated directly by the co-founders.

With no additional overheads or running costs, all of the money raised by donors and supporters was used directly to fund grants.