

JANKI SAYE FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT (MAY 23, 2023 – MAY 22, 2024)

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, Donations and Grants

A total of £3,092 was raised through fundraising activities, donations and grant awards.

£2,580 was raised through donations.

£512 was raised by the following fundraising activities and events:

- Surbiton High School activities

Operating costs which cover the CAF Bank and JustGiving platform fees amounted to £276.

Grants Awarded by JSF

A total of £2,592 was awarded to the following 4 beneficiaries:

1. Elle

A 15 year old with non-verbal autism. Her condition affects every aspect of her daily life from understanding and comprehension to motivation due to her lack of speech.

Due to having no useful vocal ability, she is limited by what she can access in school, including interaction with her teachers, family and peers. As she gets older Elle will be restricted in both her ability to express herself and her level of independence.

Elle had access to an iPad which was given to her by her grandad but it is was an old model, with a failing battery and also too slow to operate the software she required. She needed a reliable device which would enable her to communicate her wants and needs and express herself.

Elle required an iPad with the Grid software in order to continue to develop her communication skills.

The total cost of this solution was £760. Another charity, The Sequal Trust were able to provide £560 and they approached JSF to help with the remainder.

Elle was awarded a grant of £200 towards the cost of the iPad and Grid software.

2. Franek

A 5 year old with focal epilepsy and who is also non-verbal. He finds it very hard to make his needs and wants known; he plays alone and will gesture to try to indicate his wishes.

His mum says he will make sounds which sometimes have more than one meaning and that he also finds it hard to cope with the difficulty in expressing himself.

At school Franek had been using an iPad with a communications app and found this a really successful method to make his needs known, which is particularly important in the light of his health condition. He can select an icon which talks for him and indicates his needs or wishes. His teacher can upload photographs of familiar items and places and record a voice label to go with these for his use.

His Speech and Language Therapist says “Franek needs consistent access to a communication aid throughout his day. This would mean that he can communicate his needs and improve his social interaction. It would also mean that he can ask for help and share any difficulties. It would also give us opportunities to model using the device throughout the day so he can develop his communication skills”.

Franek was awarded a grant of £332 to fund a low end iPad and case.

3. Side by Side

Side by Side is an independent special school for children and young people aged 2 - 19 who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or severe and/or profound learning difficulties, including downs syndrome, autism, dyslexia, immobility and moderate to severe sensory impairment.

The Side by Side umbrella incorporates nursery provision for younger children and a special needs school for the older ones. A range of therapies, including speech and language, occupational, physio and music are provided to pupils on an individual and group basis in line with their specific needs. Older students work towards accredited learning in employability and social and personal development.

Quite a number of the students suffer from severe disabilities/SEN, rendering them unable to communicate with the world around them. This means that they are often misunderstood, unable to express their needs and locked in a world of silence. The school is determined to do all they can to support them in reaching the

most they can in communication, social inclusion and having their voice heard.

The school employs the use of iPads, tablets and other AAC devices and apps to carry out a unique approach supporting uncommunicative users, working hard to integrate it into day-to day life. These devices are absolutely vital to the success of helping users communicate.

Many of the iPads were broken and needed to be replaced so that the students could continue to advance their education, be understood and interact socially.

Side by Side were awarded a grant of £2,000 to fund 4 iPads.

4. Headway East

Headway East London is a charity day centre supporting people with brain injuries and they have around 30-40 people a day attending the centre five days a week (different people on each day).

They run music sessions every day of the week. Currently, staff make large numbers of printed lyrics for use in these groups and then try and store them on an iPad so that they can easily find them when a given song is requested. They require a large screen so that the lyrics which are stored on the iPad can be projected onto this screen so that people with visual impairments are able to read the lyrics and join in, making them feel part of the group.

Headway East was awarded a grant of £59.99 to fund the screen.

Achievements and performance (May 2015 – May 2024)

Financial Summary

Since its inception in May 2015, JSF has awarded grants totalling £63,700 to 64 beneficiaries.

Total income over this 9-year period (excluding £5,000 start-up funds donated directly by co-founders) amounted to £67,212.

Because the charity relies on volunteers, has no overheads and runs with minimal operating costs (CAF Bank and JustGiving platform fees), on average 97% of our total income went directly towards grant awards. However, this financial year, due to a reduction in incoming funds, this decreased to 92%.

Business Model

Earlier this year, the Trustees agreed to a change in our business/operating model by forging a collaboration with the Sequal Trust who have very similar charity objectives to JSF. They are very well established in this area and we have received grant requests directly from them in the past.

From a JSF perspective, the key drivers for this decision are to improve our effectiveness, benefit from increased purchasing power and to make better use of our very limited resources. Also, by working with another charity, we can reach a more beneficiaries with a wider range of disabilities requiring support. The Sequal Trust has a very robust assessment process which enables them to properly vet potential beneficiaries and they also work closely with Speech and Language Therapists to ensure that the recommended equipment is best suited to individual needs.

From an operational perspective, this means that JSF now receives grant requests directly from the Sequal Trust instead of from individual applicants. Individuals who approach JSF directly are now referred to the Sequal Trust for the assessment process.

The JSF Trustees continue to provide approval, following which we now make the payment directly to Sequal Trust and they handle the logistics of purchasing and delivery.

All devices are issued on a lifelong loan basis which allows the Sequal Trust to retain responsibility for all technical maintenance and repairs to the equipment and so support is ongoing. They also provide phone support also which eases the worries for individuals.

Also, as the Sequal Trust now has 3 people working in the office, they have introduced a "full circle" follow-up system. They will contact beneficiaries on a regular basis to ensure that everything is working well for them and that they are making the best use of the assistive technology. And they hope they will be able to encourage more updates from the client with photos and progress.

Updates are passed on to JSF in cases where we have provided grants, and that will enable us to continue to include these on the JSF website and in our Newsletters. This means that our supporters can still see the direct impact of their fundraising and donations. We know that our donors are attracted to JSF because we can provide this level of transparency.