

Welcome to our 7th Update

Linking with children, adults & other organisations to

- provide a network of information, support and personal knowledge about a range of physical & emotional experiences
- Increase understanding within the community and amongst affected families

“Understanding Differences”

Raising Awareness to Support Children who have Experienced Difficult Times

~From Diagnosis, Fear, Isolation~

~Sadly to Bereavement~

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This is our 7th Update. The purpose is to keep you informed of our activities AS SO MANY HAVE PUT MONEY IN OUR COLLECTION BOXES IN CRAWLEY. This time it covers just over a year. It's been an odd year to say the least; lots has happened as far as progress goes but, likewise... there's been some negative things too.

We have also produced a Financial Summary and Overview from October 2003 through to September 2006-hence the delay with the UPDATE. Everything now comes to you in its posh new format & Logo, which is another excuse for it all taking so long! We hope that nothing is left out so that between the 2 it covers all! If you would like to see a copy then take a look at the new web-site as there is a link to it on there.

CARAVAN HOLIDAYS:<http://www.freewebs.com/donnanevill/> HIGHEST PRICE IS £440 AND THAT'S FOR THE SUMMER HOLS! Last year Donna hoped to get bookings and make 10% donations to either UD, Heartline, LHM or Echo. It was a bit of a let down so this year Donna has donated a week and weekend stay as a prize that raised £216.00 for us. (less the passes) Please contact Donna for availability and prices or look at the website: 07832245014



Our Meetings:

We had a meeting scheduled for Saturday 12th August, but was unfortunately cancelled

Since then we found it necessary to hold an urgent internet meeting. This was held on 11th December 2006 where PT, a long standing member and voice has also been nominated onto the committee as a Co-Secretary. Her role is to help with making up a Quorum of 5 so that we can always make majority decisions about everything that we do but, to be a supportive role within our communications with outside organizations etc that we aim to link with. Sadly there still appears to be much confusion about what it is we are attempting to achieve even though our new defined Objects are very clear and self explanatory.

So welcome to PT

Future Meetings.... Our constitution states that we should hold 3 meetings a year, so we hope to be able to arrange these where more of the membership are able to come along and voice their comments, however, we are working on better Internet communication and hopefully any other issues that arise can be successfully discussed online. We have discussed how internet meetings are more viable for each of the committee members as they are widespread with times that they are available as well as where we live now.

Our Finances

-Just to Re-cap here's the bank balances at April 2006. LRMF is for CHD and UD is for all other differences

"UD" Account Set up Oct 2003	6th April 2005 to 5th April 2006	"LRMF" Account Set up Sept 2005	6th April 2005 to 5th April 2006 C/O £0.00
Total Profit for Yr	- 237.32	Total Profit for Yr	£365.54
Sub Total of our Profits	£545.24 Plus £52 CIH £597.24	Sub Total of our Profits	£365,54

At 16th Feb 2007 we have an account balance of £3,055.89

It goes without saying that we are very grateful to all who made this possible... the fund-raisers, those who donate or attend our events who all make it possible. We do however, still owe £14.79. to each Little Hearts Matter, Heartline Association and Echo. Much more is owed to Donna as she continues to pay for the things needed and be reimbursed afterwards. This could be as much as about £500 but we still have an impressive amount left.

Things that we have had to pay for;

The hire of the Helium at nearly £6 per month plus the initial cost for the gas
The expenses for the events
The ISBN numbers
Page Plus programme to create the books in pdf format so that they are ready for print
Web Plus programme to create the web-site
The Domain name and soon the web host fees

Webb Ivory Catalogue In 2006 anyone could view and buy the products and the commission went to our cause. We had a good response in 2006 and the catalogue "drop" raised £46.36. For 2007 they specified that we had to do the catalogue "drop" and we get to keep the commission as we go along which does reduce our chances but still we managed to raise approx £26.00

Yellow Moon Catalogue- quote our reference SUN1062 anyone can still order from this catalogue. In January 2007 we received a cheque for £21.18 this was for the 2006 catalogue "drop".

Collection Boxes We had 40 collection boxes out but, some have gone missing or have been stolen! Despite that we still are very grateful to all who house them and the public who put their money inside. THANK-YOU

Internet Support & Our New Web-site

Hopefully most of you are aware that UD has their group discussions primarily through their MSN Group. <http://groups.msn.com/UnderstandingDifferences> If you've gone to the link above, **What's New** shows the last 4 messages, but often we are sending more than that so you may miss something. The receiving of emails in the inbox isn't always reliable so, its good practice to click on the link below as it takes you to the latest messages in date order-you can look at the boards that you know you have not seen since a certain date.
http://groups.msn.com/understandingdifferences/tipstousesite.msnw?all_topics=1

We also have our new web-site so please take a look and voice your opinion if need be as designing isn't that easy afterall! If you think something should be added or changed then let us know as it's being put together. We are working on appropriate forums/discussion boards but, the old one is still active anyway.
<http://understandingdifferences.org.uk/>

"Understanding Differences"

Young Experiences, Young Explorers Collection

GOOD NEWS... The dream of writing and getting these books out there is now becoming much closer to being a reality as we have now purchased an allocation of 100 ISBN numbers
If the first series works then we would hope that we will have more interaction from the public to produce a second series, hence over purchasing on the ISBN's now as it was much more cost effective to do so. They cost £180.95.

Printing Quotes

We've had a fair few quotes now. At the moment we are in communication with Newman & Thomson based quite near to Donna. Their quote for a quantity of 3,000 full colour, 16 page A5 book in 170gsm Gloss art paper £687.00 although we are currently looking at a better quality/thickness.

Our mission is still to raise approximately £11,000 to cover the costs of printing/ p&p so that we can send them to schools over the country free of charge. Although initially we can just aim for the printing amount and worry about the p&p after. Donna had a meeting with a cardiologist who expressed a keen interest to help edit and pass on information about the CHD books via her own website when up and in the hospital.

A draft book is on our web-site <http://understandingdifferences.org.uk/>

Other
Fundraising Events

Ross' Birthday

Fundraising Event There was an open house at Donna's again where the children decorated Glasses for Fathers Day. We had bottles of beer that Jeff donated to the group so used those wrapping them in cellophane. A really nice personal touch for fathers day and a gift with a purpose. We

Boot Sales approx £33

Quizzes approx £7.50

Halloween 2006 approx £140.00

Xmas Plaster etc approx £21 from LQofH and £4 from Squirrels

A few Grids that were supported by EDF £108 less £40 for the prize which was a children's TV game, £216 less cost of the passes for a week and a weekend at Donna's Caravan £108 less £54 cashprizes

£400 - Most Impressive Donation

Well, what can we say? Grateful is probably not enough.. In Dec 06 a supporter of "UD" -maggie secured us a massive donation to our cause of £400 from her darts team. Thankyou again to the Wednesday Summer Dart League.

Grants

We finally applied for the Children In Need Grant but unfortunately it was received by them a day late and so the application was returned.

www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Events

As always, there were lots of fundraising activities going on through the early months of 2006.

CHD Day

Yes 2006, we haven't reported this yet...One of the main events during February was of course CHD Awareness Day on 14th February.

We had some rather tasty cookies for sale at various places and would like to thank the following:

- Little Fishes Toddler Group £15.00
- Friend's Work £10.00
- Michaela's Work £7.20
- Lisa's Work Clarkes £9.00
- Cookies/ Food @ Cherry Lane £31.10
- Squirrels (Coffee Morning) £24.70
- Our Lady's (Coffee Morning) £18.02
- Desmond Anderson Staff Room £1.60
- Desmond Anderson School (Table Top Sale) £8.75

CHD Day 2006

Total	£125.37
(Less Expenses)	£ 26.76
Sub Total	£ 98.61

As always we pledged to donate 15% of our fundraising profits to Echo, Heartline and LHM. taking our own profit down to **£54.24.**

In addition to the cookie sales we also :

- Donations through Balloon Sales (£10 donated by the builder!) £34.20
- Craft Items £ 9.00

This all went into the UD account

CHD Day 2007

This Year we approached some companies to let us have a display; like the 'Book People' do. We had some special arrangements made up from our donations of wine, teddies etc. (although we did still spend over £130) Roses and helium balloons. The donations were as follows:
(Roses/Balloons+Arrangements)

- Greenfields Church Toddler Group £10.50+£7.90
- Rogers Ceramics £0.00+£72.80
- Pizza-Go-Go £16.00+£16.27
- EDF £0.00+£56.50
- Mill House £27.60+£0.00
- Downsman £8.00+£0.00
- Apple Tree £48.72+£0.00
- Hawth Park Inn £17.25+£0.00

An extra thank-you to Wendy for her help, donations of gifts, roses and her time. Also for raising £58.20



Do you work anywhere that would have our arrangements for Mothers Day and Easter? Please contact us if you do

**I make that a Sub Total of
£339.74 Really Impressive!**

Thank-you

Helium Balloons are another thing we do to raise money. Please pass it on to all you know

"LRMF"

A/C no: 0319 9932 Sort Code: 7200000
A/C name: Understanding Differences

"UD"

A/C no: 3372 5186 Sort Code: 7200005 A/C
name: Understanding Differences

One of our helpers is a DJ Please contact John on 07717805365 Don't forget we can also supply the balloons!



**Thank-
You very
much for
reading our Update.**

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