



Welcome to Charity Link's April e-news!



Dear ,

Spring has sprung, and we start a new financial year at Charity Link with lots of exciting activities ahead to ensure we make a massive difference to local people in hardship and crisis – some of which you can read about below!

Our Proud Business Supporter Club provides a vital income stream for us, and we've given it a 'revamp' for this year, with five levels of membership (from £15 to £200 a month) to ensure it is suitable for businesses of all sizes. Check out our [website](#) to see the huge impact that each membership level offers.

We'd love to welcome more businesses to our Club this year – so if you know a local business keen to make a difference, please do let them know about our special community.

Special thanks to:

- Better-IT for increasing their donation to our new Diamond level membership
- Chef & Spice Restaurant who join us as our second Diamond Member
- Reach Business Coaching who join us as Bronze members

And massive thanks to all our current Members!



March highlights



Supporters joined members of the team to add to our [parkrun 150 challenge](#) tally. Could you take part this month? We are holding a big team parkrun on 11th April at Watermead Country Park - let us know if you would like to join us!

A fundraising concert at St. Philips Church, Evington with Leicestershire Sinfonia helped to raise an amazing £583.90 – thank you so much to everyone who supported this event!

The team attended a very productive Leicestershire Homelessness Charter meeting to discuss challenges, impact and ideas for the future.

In March, with your support, together, we helped 406 people by distributing 545 essential items worth £72,617.

We've been changing lives in need for 150 years. We can only continue to change lives with your support. Thank you!

Helen's story



Helen has multiple physical ailments making it difficult for her to get around and is reliant on a powered wheelchair for daily use. We previously supported Helen with a wheelchair in 2017, however it now needs replacing as it is not working properly. Her failing chair is making life more of a struggle.

To add to her challenges, Helen and her teenage son have been targeted by anti-social behaviour from their neighbours. They are looking to move but, in the meantime, this has increased the amount to which Helen is house bound.

Without a working powered wheelchair, Helen was losing her independence, access to the local community, and she was unable to spend quality time with her son outside their home. Helen was keen to do as much for herself as possible, and not put extra demands on her son, who already acts as a carer for her.

With powered wheelchairs costing thousands of pounds, Helen does not have the means to meet this cost. However, this is an essential item for her daily life and wellbeing.

Helen's Occupational Therapist referred her to Charity Link, and we have been able to help and provide her with the powered wheelchair she urgently needed.

This powered wheelchair has restored Helen's dignity and independence and we are so pleased, that with your support, together we have been able to help her.

Trust Administration Service

Are you involved with a charity, not-for-profit organisation, or charitable/philanthropic project or scheme?

If your organisation is pushed for time to co-ordinate and service governance meetings, manage grant giving, or other tasks, then we could help. Join the many charities and not-for-profit organisations we support each year.

Find out more by contacting our expert team today. Email trustadmin@charity-link.org or call [0116 222 2200](tel:01162222200).

The Goods Depot

The Goods Depot provides high-quality, affordable white goods, furniture, beds, and household essentials to organisations that support people in need.

Partnering with housing associations, charities, local authorities, and organisations in the community, The Goods Depot (set up as a social enterprise by Charity Link in 2019) offers ethical pricing, fast, reliable delivery and great customer service.

Every purchase helps to provide more essential items for individuals and families in need by supporting our core work. Please help spread the word by following [The Goods Depot's new LinkedIn page](#).

Contact the friendly team at TGD if to find out more.

Email info@thegoodsdepot.org.uk.

Wish us luck!

Myself, along with Rachel and Alex from the team, will be taking part in the **CEO Sleepout** at Leicester Tigers Rugby stadium on Thursday 16th April. Massive thanks to Michael from our business supporter Better-IT for joining us to raise funds for Charity Link and we'd love you to join us too. If you are interested, I'd love to hear from you.



We'll be spending an April night sleeping between the stand seats (OK, we don't expect to get much sleep!), so if you don't fancy joining us, we'd be so grateful if you would support us by donating a pound or two to our [team page](#).

I would also like to send a massive 'good luck' to **Jordan** from our business supporters TC Group, who will be running the **London Marathon** to raise funds for Charity Link on 26th April.

We can't wait to hear about Jordan's experience!



Find out more about Jordan's run and support his fundraising [here](#).

Ways to support us!

There are lots of ways you can get involved to support our vital work...



Become a Charity Link Friend



Help mark our 150th anniversary



Get tickets for our Birthday Ball



Leicestershire 3 Peaks Challenge

**CEOSleepout
Leicester**

**Business
Networking
Event**



**Tuesday 21st April
10am - 12pm
Sky Lounge, Mattioli Woods**

Have a wonderful April and I hope to see you soon!

Sue

P.S Look out for our Impact Review (coming out soon) highlighting the impact we made together last year!

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