

Katie

McKerracher Trust

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first newsletter from the Katie McKerracher Trust. It's been a busy couple of years - 2010 was all about fundraising whereas 2011 was focussed on awareness and helping children - and we wanted to bring you up-to-date.

Helping children with a DIPG

There has been an increase in the number of families seeking help since the DIPG information booklet was launched in September 2011.

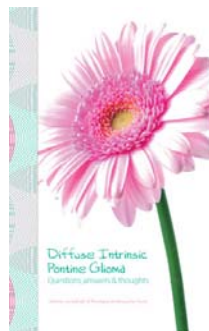
We have been able to help seven children - 3 in England, 3 in Scotland and 1 in Northern Ireland. The range of support is very varied and includes,

- Rental of hydro-therapy pool
- Days out/entertainment
- Living/travel expenses
- Mobility aids

The most important factor in all of these cases was our ability to respond quickly and provide the help within days to anywhere in the UK.

Awareness

One of the main objectives of Katie's Trust was to produce a booklet to help children and their families with a DIPG. Ann worked hard on the content with Samantha McKay and Alix Lunn, and the result is a fantastic booklet that combines Katie's story with medical information and practical advice.



With the help of family and friends we were able to successfully launch the booklet to the 19 paediatric cancer centres in the UK to coincide with Katie's 14th birthday in September 2011.

We were delighted with the initial reaction to the booklet, and have received numerous positive responses since, from families and professionals alike.

Fundraising

We find ourselves in the fortunate position of being financially secure, thanks to the tremendous efforts of family, friends, colleagues and complete strangers over the last two years.

We have deliberately not planned any fundraising activities this year and yet money continues to come in! Our most recent windfall was a £2000 cheque from the activities organised by the Selkirk High School charities committee -



And finally we would like to thank all of you for your continued support - we really appreciate your help.

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