

# Katie

## McKerracher Trust

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the second newsletter from the Katie McKerracher Trust. The sections below provide a summary of activity in each of the three main areas.

### Helping children with a DIPG

We have continued to receive a slow but steady stream of requests for financial assistance. The requirement for financial assistance is varied and includes,

- Christmas presents (making Christmas special)
- Contributions to holidays or short-breaks
- Household expenses
- Funeral expenses

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

On two occasions we have spoken at length with family members – sharing experiences, feelings and ideas. Whilst this was a difficult undertaking, it was exactly what those parents needed.

### Awareness

The Information Booklet for Families and Patients is still very much in use. We continue to receive positive feedback on the content and the impact it makes. It has been particularly pleasing to hear this first-hand from affected families.



### Fundraising

The bank balance continues to be healthy, partly due to lower than expected financial assistance to families in need, but mainly due to the fantastic generosity of our Members and their extended circle of friends & family.

David Miller (sister of Sandra, who was on the Hebridean Cycle) was the Club Captain at the Najrani Golf and Country Club, Saudia Arabia for 2012. The Captain is able to nominate a couple of charities who benefit from fundraisers throughout the year. We have just received a cheque for a whopping £3,200!!



Members took part in a number of fundraising events including raffles, golf skill challenges, Captain's charity green and quizzes. There were also donations from other charitable organisations in town of Tabuk. We would like to thank all of the golfers at Najrani, David and Liz for this fantastic effort.

Once again we would like to thank all of you for your continued support – we really appreciate your help.

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