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The Advisers at Wellesley Wealth Advisory made monthly donations totalling £6,000 to Wellesley Charitable Foundation in 2019. In addition, £3,350 was contributed by the Advisers as a 'thank you' for clients who have joined us as a result of your referrals. Your support is very much appreciated by all at Wellesley and the charities that benefit from these funds. We will continue to make a contribution of £250 for each referral made by you that results in a client joining Wellesley Wealth Advisory.

Charity boxes

If you would like to display one of our Charitable Foundation charity boxes in support of our cause, please contact Eleanor Burgess on **01444 244551** or at **events@wellesleywa.co.uk**.



Applying for funding

We are also interested in hearing from organisations or groups who are working to support challenged young people in Sussex and the surrounding area. If you know a group that fits these criteria, please advise them to contact us for a grant application form. All applications for funding will be considered by the trustees on a quarterly basis. Please contact the trustees of Wellesley Charitable Foundation at:

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To keep updated on what is happening at Wellesley Charitable Foundation, please visit our website on **<https://www.wellesleywa.co.uk/charitablefoundation/>** or our Facebook Page **"Wellesley Charitable Foundation"**.



**Working together
to help
children flourish**

Newsletter Issue 6



Welcome to the 2019 edition of the Wellesley Charitable Foundation newsletter, which follows another successful and eventful year.

The Wellesley Charitable Foundation has raised an amazing £53,770 through fundraising and events held throughout the year, including golf days, our staff tuck shop, dress-down days, cake sales, monthly adviser contributions, the Wellesley Three Peak Challenge and the £250 contributions paid for each successful client referral.

We are delighted to have supported over 17 local causes in 2019, including local charities, organisations and individuals. You will find more details about some of these ventures later in this newsletter. For further information about the charities we have supported, please visit our website:

www.wellesleywa.co.uk/charitable-foundation/

Finally, we are always happy to hear from clients with suggestions of charities to help that meet the criteria for the Foundation.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to writing to you with more news in 2020.

Tony Hannigan

Chairman, Wellesley Charitable Foundation

The Support of Wellesley Wealth Advisory Staff



In 2019 the team continued to fundraise for the Foundation with a number of events.

Several intrepid staff members took part in the National Three Peaks Challenge, climbing the three highest peaks of Scotland, England and Wales: Ben Nevis (1,345m), Scafell Pike (978m) and Snowdon (1,085m), all within 24 hours. We were delighted to raise over £22,500 for the Foundation.

The Wellesley Fantasy Football league has been a great success this year. The league has not only become popular with staff, but with their friends and family too – we have a total of 28 teams registered for the 2019/20 season. From the entry fees alone, we have already raised £560 this season, with more money to be contributed following the weekly penalties.

With staff numbers increasing at Wellesley, the tuck shop is doing a roaring trade. It is very popular with the staff and advisers in the office, and has raised £178.73 in 2019.

Dress-down days are another popular event within the office. On the last Friday of each month, the staff are allowed to dress in casual-wear and donate £3 each. This year

we have raised a total of £254.00.

Wellesley Wealth Advisory matches the money raised from the tuck shop and dress-down days, meaning a further £432.73 has been raised.

The Great Wellesley Bake Off was another success in 2019, with eight wonderful bakes. Tom Rowlingson was crowned the winner with a fantastic lemon cake. We raised £304.30 for the Foundation and are thrilled to announce that the Bake Off will be back in 2020!

Some of the charities we have supported in 2019

Theodora's Children's Charity - £2,129



We supported two Giggle Doctors to visit the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital in Brighton for the second year running. These visits comprise a four-hour session each week for a month.

Hope in the Valley - £1,800

We helped this Lewes-based riding school for the disabled by funding a holiday in Wales for four riders and eight volunteers, including accommodation, pony hire, food and fuel costs.



Farm Buddies - £360

Formed in 2008, Farm Buddies aims to improve the well-being of people on the South Coast, through the concept of 'social farming' or 'care farming'. Our donation helped to fund a place for a girl aged 17 to spend time at a farm, with the support of the farmer, helping to care for the animals.

PACSO (Chichester) - £1,016



The Parent and Carers Support Organisation (PACSO) provides out-of-school activities for disabled children and their siblings. Our funding meant that younger children were able to enjoy a "street shopping experience", horse riding and a trip to McDonalds, while the older children

paid a visit to Chessington World of Adventures amongst other adventure experiences.

Louis - £2,000

Louis is a five-year-old boy who has Treacher Collins syndrome (TCS), which is very cruel and affects the development of the bones and other tissues of the face. Support has been given towards equipment and the cost of specialist consultation. Fund matching is made regularly to boost the fundraising carried out by Louis's family.

Children with Cancer - £3,500

Children with Cancer is an Eastbourne-based charity providing support to families whose children are dealing with cancer. In 2019 we put forward £2,500 for family holidays in Bournemouth, and £1,000 as the first payment of a commitment to providing £4,000 each year for the next three years to help with planning.

Adur Special Needs - £2,392



We were proud to support these weekend play schemes for children with severe physical and emotional disabilities. We provided funding for the fulfilment of their equipment wish list and play items, plus sponsorship of their annual fundraising carnival in Shoreham.

Our Space - £500

Small play group for pre-school children with special needs. Funding for equipment and a cupboard to store everything.

Christmas Wishes - £615

This small group based in Burgess Hill supplies festive gifts to children in families living in difficult circumstances. Our funding helped to ensure that the gifts were distributed in time for Christmas.

Family Support Work - £1,560

Family Support Work gives practical, emotional and financial support to children with various disabilities, including autism. We funded 10 places at 26 Lego workshops, which are designed to encourage communication.

Whoops-a-Daisy - £3,500

We were delighted to support this Brighton-based charity, which helps children with physical disabilities to live life as independently as possible, providing conducive education. The £3,500 donation provides one place for a child supported by the charity on a Saturday for one year. This is a three-year commitment.

T1D - £220

T1D is a small parent-organised group for teenagers with Type 1 diabetes. We supported a climbing wall event held in September.

Brighton Pebbles - £1,120

We supported a week's holiday at the Kench Hill Centre in Kent in August for 15 families (around 50 people!). It is a great opportunity for families to have a break within a supportive group environment. Because of the needs of some of the children, they require round-the-clock care and supervision – to enable families to manage this in a new setting and to enjoy a bit of a break themselves, funds go towards carers for those families who need them.

Woodmeads School, Burgess Hill - £100

Support was requested by a member of Wellesley Wealth Advisory – a raffle prize was gifted for the school's Christmas fair.



Defiant Sports - £500

This wonderful family-based organisation offers sports opportunities to anyone with health and/or learning difficulties, with facilities offered to all ages with a youth group from 4 to 18 years. They have just started football sessions for children on Saturday mornings – we donated £500 towards equipment and a pop-up sensory tent for "time out" for the children.

Amaze - £1,000

Amaze is a Brighton-based charity, providing information and support for families with children dealing with a multitude of difficulties. Overall we have £3,000 donated towards the cost of publishing their newsletter (2019's donation was the last payment of three).