



Tackling Poverty - Changing Lives

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When times are tough it's the most vulnerable who are hardest hit - but together we can help

Times are getting even tougher. Redundancy, pressure on family budgets, reduction in welfare, decrease in statutory funding and reduction in support services are all having a devastating impact on the most vulnerable in our community.

This situation is likely to get worse, The Institute of Fiscal Studies predicts a rise in poverty, and more specifically child poverty, over the next three years.

By working together we can help and make a real difference to over 5,000 vulnerable people and children who come to us each year in desperate need. For every £10 donated we can convert this into £50, by accessing money from charitable trusts that are available to help those in need. In these times of austerity, making every donation work harder to help the most vulnerable has got to be a good thing.

You did it! Thank you to everyone who supported our campaign against funding cuts proposed by County Hall. They listened and we are now in discussions to recommission our services. We'll keep you up-to-date with progress.

You can help...

Donate online at www.charity-link.org

Organise a fundraising event

Volunteer your time

Spread the word

Please vote for Leicester Charity Link at the NatWest Community Force 2011 communityforce.natwest.com

Help us win £6,000 and we will be able to raise £30,000 - every penny will go to those in need in our community.

Voting ends Sunday 23rd October.

If you are interested in getting involved then please give us a call today on 0116 222 2212



Rebecca has only weeks to live

Rebecca is 38 years old and has cancer. She has only weeks to live and her sole wish is to die at home. Although LOROS has prescribed pain-relief medication that would allow this, Rebecca has no family support, no one to care for her at home, and no money to buy food. Forced to give up work due to ill health, she survives on Income Support and Rebecca can't wait weeks until her next payment comes through.

We helped immediately and provided Rebecca with £50 worth of food vouchers. Her wish to return home can now be fulfilled

The Phoenix Partners pledge to raise £10,000 for Leicester Charity Link to celebrate 10th birthday

To celebrate their 10th birthday The Phoenix Partners have announced that they have chosen Leicester Charity Link as their official charity for the year.

The Phoenix Partners has pledged to raise £10,000 by the 30th September 2012... and the countdown has already started!

And of course by donating £10,000, we will be able to raise an amazing £50,000 from charitable trusts that are available to help those in desperate need. All of that £50,000 will go to help those most vulnerable in our community.

What can we say? A huge, huge, thank you to everyone at The Phoenix Partners. We'll keep you up-to-date with their activities: go to www.charity-link.org/events or visit www.thephoenixpartners.com

Curryoke! Friday 21st October Spice of India, Syston

If you fancy a spot of curry... singing, and raising money for those in need, then this is the night for you.

- Friday 21st October at 7.30 till 11pm
- Curry buffet and karaoke entertainment
- Bar available*
- Spice of India, Melton Road, Syston
- £16 per person

To book tickets go to www.charity-link.org/curryoke or call Della Ingram on 0116 222 2210

*drinks not included in ticket price.

Marathon Man has raised an amazing £340 so far...

A big thank you to Simon Congdon who has completed his second run in aid of Leicester Charity Link. Simon recently completed the Silverstone Half Marathon and is currently in preparation for the Men's Health Survival of the Fittest 10k Urban Assault Course on the 8th October - Good luck Simon!



She did it! Rachel Hargrave climbed Kilimanjaro and raised an amazing £1,800 for Leicester Charity Link

After a gruelling twelve day climb, local business woman Rachel Hargrave, successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in aid of Leicester Charity Link. Rachel, managing director and founder of The Phoenix Partners, a Brand, Design and PR agency based in Sileby, has been training intensively for months ready for her trek. She hoped to raise £1,500, but has smashed her target and has raised an amazing £1,800.

Rachel said, "It's been an absolute pleasure to work with the team at Leicester Charity Link and I hope the £1,800 helps a little bit towards their aim of tackling poverty and changing lives. The work they do is amazing and so valuable for all of us in our community.

It this trek has taught me one thing it's the generosity of others, every penny has counted and together it has amounted to £1,800. I am hugely indebted to those who have given, supported, and cajoled me to train! Trekking Kilimanjaro will stay with me forever and has certainly changed my life as it has given me a desire to climb another mountain so – all things being equal – Mt. Elbrus it is for next August ... and all for Leicester Charity Link."



Rachel Hargrave at the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro



The Lord Mayor and The Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, Patrons of Leicester Charity Link, visit our offices



The Lord Mayor, Councillor Robert Wann



Vicky Thornton, Jim Munton, Director of Operations at Leicester Charity Link, Jackie Dickinson, Chairman of Leicestershire County Council and Cate Boulton, Chairman of Leicester Charity Link



Michael 19 years old and alone

Michael has lived in foster care all his life. After a period of homelessness he now had a place at a local hostel. His only possessions were left in the safe keeping of a friend. These were not looked after and ended up being thrown away. This left Michael with only the clothes he was standing in. He had no income and couldn't buy any food, let alone new clothes. Michael desperately needed clean clothes so he could start looking for work.

We helped immediately by providing Michael with food vouchers and High Street vouchers so he could buy some new clothes.

Carol just wants to stay at home

Carol has quadriplegia and requires 24 hour care, but she lives independently as best she can. To ensure that she can stay in her own home she needs a Kirston Gas Action bed. This will enable her carers to alter the position she lies in and prevent her spending all day in a wheelchair. Carol's only income is from Income Support and Disability Living Allowance. The Gas Action bed is not available through the NHS and Carol will never have the money to buy such an item. Without it she can't stay at home.

*We raised £2,099 so Carol could have the bed she needs.
She can now stay at home in the comfort that she deserves.*



Bistro Live to celebrate 10th birthday with bonanza charity week

Leicester party venue Bistro Live will be marking its 10th year of being the life and soul of the city with a week of events dedicated to fundraising on behalf of Leicester Charity Link.

Exciting events will run from Wednesday 2nd November to Saturday 5th November, culminating in the final charity night on Thursday 10th November.

Thursday 10th November Rockaoke Charity Night

If you have ever harboured dreams of being a rock star then this is definitely the night for you...

Three course meal Karaoke with a live band
DJ/Disco Games & raffle

Tables of 8 are available at just £30 per person

*£7.50 from every ticket will be donated to
Leicester Charity Link.*

To purchase tickets please contact
Theresa Abbott on 0845 33 11 500 or
email theresaa@bistolive.com

We would love to see you there.

*Thank you to everyone
who has supported
our work, including*



The winning team from Harvey Ingram



The team from Eazytiger

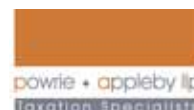
Treasure Hunt raises £460 for Leicester Charity Link

Solicitors, accountants, tax advisers and web designers were among local business professionals who turned super sleuth to raise money for Leicester Charity Link.

Using their local knowledge, powers of observation and some lateral thinking, the 19 teams competed in the Powrie Appleby Treasure Hunt held in aid of the charity.

The event, which cost £5 per person to enter, involved solving a series of intriguing clues and carrying out some rather unusual challenges while pounding the streets of Leicester. Starting out from the Almanack pub in Highcross, the timed route took in a number of historic sites including the Town Hall, Guildhall, Cathedral, Leicester Market and High Street.

A team from Harvey Ingram LLP emerged as the winner with Eazytiger and Bray & Bray coming joint second. Thank you to everyone who supported our event.



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Hassiba was in desperate need

With the help of the police, Hassiba and her 10 month old son, Ahmed, were able to finally escape domestic violence. She is trying to start again and earns a small income from her cleaning job which only just covers food, bills and rent. Hassiba and Ahmed are trying to rebuild their lives, but their new home is unfurnished and Hassiba can't afford to buy furniture. So every night Hassiba and Ahmed were sleeping together on the floor with a blanket.

We helped immediately and bought Hassiba and Ahmed a double bed, just £219 made a difference.

Dates for your diary

21st October 2011 - Curryoke night, Spice of India, Syston

Bistro Live Celebration Week:

2nd November 2011 - School Dinner & Disco

3rd November 2011 - Black tie event

4th November 2011 - 80s night

5th November 2011 - The Senators live band

10th November 2011 - Rockaoke Charity night

10th December 2011 - Choir at Fosse Park

February 2012 - Comedy Festival night

Please call Susan McEniff on: 0116 222 2212 or email: susan.mceniff@charity-link.org if you are interested in any of the above events.

Thank you to all of our supporters - we really can't do this without you!

You CAN make a difference

It's easy for you to make a difference. For every £10 donated we can raise £50 from charitable trusts that are available to help those in desperate need:

Ben has not eaten for days. A donation of **£10** could provide him with **£50 worth of food vouchers.**

Five year old Molly has nowhere to sleep. A donation of **£20** could buy her a **bed.**

Arif and Sunita cannot cook for their children. **£50** could provide them with a **cooker.**

George has not left his home for 12 months. A donation of **£100** could buy him a **wheelchair power pack**, so that he can at last go outside again.

In these times of austerity we can make your donation work harder. Donate now at www.charity-link.org or send a cheque made payable to Leicester Charity Link to the address below.

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