

WINTER 2015

Welcome to the Winter 2015 news letter for Paul's Fund and Paul's Place!

2014 was our busiest year yet with half our "bed-nights" during the summer taken by Paul's Place guests, and a third for the year as a whole. With guests coming from across England and Wales, this demonstrates that despite the considerable progress in services and care for young adults, Paul's Fund remains one of the few charities that provides holiday breaks to people from their late teens to 30 or so and continues to meet a need not being met by others.

In this news letter we feature a couple of this year's guests and talk about money! We thought it was about time we gave you a brief overview of the Paul's Fund finances. If you would like more information, follow the link above to a more detailed commentary on the web site.

The good news is that due to people's amazing generosity we have a healthy balance and enough funds to meet the current level of grants, but we need to raise in excess of £15,000 a year to maintain the Fund at it's current levels.

To that end, can we encourage you sponsor Hannah Bryers running in the London Marathon in April, and to consider what else you could do to help raise money, whether by regular personal giving or holding your own fund-raising event or challenge? Do give us a call to discuss any ideas!

Thank you as ever for all your support and have a great 2015, David and Pippa

Sponsor Hannah Bryer in the London Marathon via the web site.

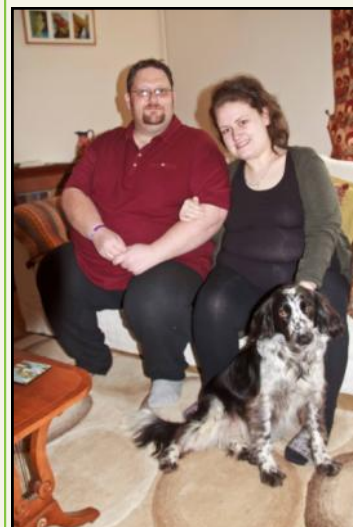
"I am delighted to be running the London Marathon in aid of Paul's Fund, a charity that makes a big difference to people's lives as I've heard firsthand from a housemate of mine who had such a special time at Paul's Place with her mum & sister before her mum sadly passed away in the Summer."



Kelly is 26 and a single mum. In 2011 when pregnant with her first child, Kelly was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Surgery had to be delayed till after she'd given birth, and then during surgery she

suffered a stroke which has left her with limited function in her right arm. Not surprisingly she has struggled with extremely low moods and at one stage was unable to care for her son Zac, but she has worked extremely hard to improve her situation and now has custody of Zac, a lively and delightful 3 years old!

Kelly and Zac stayed at Paul's Place with her foster mum Sue and afterwards she wrote: "Thank you for the wonderful stay Zac and I have enjoyed here. Paul's Place is very homely and has a warm feeling to the whole house. The rooms are wonderful and the cooked breakfasts tasted very good. Lots of love, Kelly and Zac. PS Zac will miss Bobby his new best friend."



Della was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in January 2014 and has had a very tough year coming to terms with the diagnosis and dealing with all the treatment including several weeks in hospital.

Della and her fiancée Nick stayed over the New year. Afterwards Della wrote:

"Staying at Paul's Place is like staying with your favourite family members! You are made to feel special and cared for even before you step in the door...

Thank you so much for treating us like family. We have loved being your guests and Bobby also adds he own excitable love to the table so we love all three of you!"





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Paul's Fund Finances

We don't normally talk about money, but we owe it to you our supporters to be transparent and hope this brief resume is helpful. For more detailed information click on the link above or contact CAF.

Set up in 2009, during the first 5 years income exceeded expenditure resulting in a balance of about £22,000 but last year, 2014, income and expenditure were roughly equal for the first time at about £15,000.

In 2014, 88% of the income was from donations and just 12% from Gift Aid and investments. 72% of expenditure went in grants to cover guest accommodation costs and 23% went directly to guests to help towards their travel and daily expenses. The remaining 5% comprised administration fees to CAF. There were no other expenses or costs.

Having cash in the bank means we don't have to worry about whether we have enough to cover applications for grants and looking ahead we would love to match income and expenditure year on year. With the number of applications increasing we need to raise in excess of £15,000.

Paul's Fund relies entirely on donations made by individuals and businesses and receives no income from other trusts, charities or agencies apart from Gift Aid.

The main challenge is that we are heavily reliant on a few very generous donors and in 2014 nearly a third of our income came from a bequest and just 3 corporate donors sponsoring the climb up Mt Kenya. Regular monthly donations currently account for only 6% of income.

We would like to get a better balance of large/small, one-off/regular donations. To that end, we would ask you please to consider:

- Donating your time by doing a fund raising event or activity and in so doing "spreading the word"
- Making a small but regular monthly donation
- Making an annual donation to mark an anniversary (eg 13th May was Paul's birthday or 29th November when he died)
- Sponsoring people like Hannah running the London Marathon.

To donate on line or for details of how to set up a standing order, go to the Paul's Fund web site Donate page, and don't forget to Gift Aid if you can!

We don't have any fund raising organisation, but we do have fantastic friends, and not least Paul's own close friendship group to whom we owe a huge debt of thanks.

Paul's Place News

This time of year is always a busy time with routine maintenance and improvements. As well as re-decorating we have installed thermal wall insulation into "Baggy Point" and the office to reduce wasted heat loss and keep nice and warm.

We have also engaged a gardener to advise and help with the flower beds, and a lawn specialist to get the lawn in to shape! If that all sounds a bit grand, they only come occasionally and we still do most of the hard work!



Paul's Fund is a charitable trust administered by the Charities Aid Foundation (registered charity no. 268369).

Paul's Fund gives grants to young adults meeting the charity's criteria to enable them to have a largely free respite holiday break in North Devon staying at "Paul's Place" which offers both Bed and Breakfast and self-catering accommodation.

To qualify for a grant, the young adult will have been diagnosed with a terminal or life threatening illness, bereaved, or will be acting as a carer on a full or nearly full time basis for a close family member.

Grants are also now available to the parents of young adults with a life threatening illness or who have died, as well as to adults of any age with a life threatening brain tumour.

Paul's Place, which trades as "The Old Bakery", is owned and run by David and Pippa Morton whose son Paul died of a brain tumour aged 19 in 2008.

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