

Understanding Differences

A Self-Help Group

Raising Awareness to Support Children who have Experienced Difficult Times

UPDATE

September 2004 to December 2004

Please contact us with your story to go in our next update <http://groups.msn.com/UnderstandingDifferences>

FUNDRAISING

On the 20th November 2004 we held our first funday at The Wingspan Social Club. We would like to thank everyone who supported this event by helping to running around collecting prizes, ferry stuff about in their cars, man stalls, making donations and to those who came. Many shops, friends and Pubs donated prizes: Argos, Hollywood Bowl, Olan Mills, Whitworths, Tesco, £1 shops in martletts, Savers, Tilgate Pet shop, Langley Green pet shop, Cheals pet shop, Currys, PC World, Co-op, Tilgate, Vicki Cooper, Silverscreen, Rogers Ceramics, Ifield Master Fryer, Langley Green chip shop, Asda, Somerfield broadfield, Pelham Buckle, Black Dog pub, John, Anna, Dawn. The Wingspan Club, Zeeco the Clown and DJ John were all donations to the event and made it possible to entertain the children throughout the day and helped us to make a total of £400.00 profit. We still hope to receive more as we are waiting on some sponsor money.

Of this money we will be donating £100.00 to Children In Need. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make this possible.

We are now working on our next event! **February 14th** known as Valentines Day is also CHD Awareness Day CHD stands for Congenital Heart Disease this means that a child has been born with a heart that does not work properly. Some get better as the child grows and some need surgery. Others need surgery but never have corrected hearts. So, to Raise Awareness of CHD we are holding a Disco/Karaoke- DJ John at the Rose&Crown Pub west green, Crawley on Friday 11th Feb 2005 From 7pm-11pm. Basket meals will be available. The evening is free entry - donations welcome.

Any proceeds will be used by "Understanding Differences" to continue to meet its aims and objectives.

With enough generosity we also hope to donate towards some of the heart charities that already offer support to these children and families www.lhm.org.uk www.heartline.org.uk and www.echo-at-guys.org.uk

OTHER WAYS OF RAISING MONEY

Yellow Moon Catalogue <http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk/showitem.asp?fldImgID=3551> Quote reference SUN 1062 and Understanding Differences receive the commission on all Orders.

MONEY SPENT

We have spent approx £40 on more books.

GRANTS

It's time to start applying for more grants to help with our running costs. Please let us know of any new sponsors out there offering community grants. Our aims are to provide schools with books that help around the time of going to the hospital etc. We would also like to write our own series of books that help to raise awareness-this will not work without your stories so please contact us to help write these books.

MEETINGS

We still meet at Brewsters every 4th Monday of the month. This is at Tilgate Park, Tilgate, Crawley. We meet at 6pm.

Our Lady's Playgroup in

Langley Green-have been working with our group. They made some Christmas calendars of which they attached our labels to and are making a donation to us as well. Thank-you very much for your support.

Desmond Anderson School let us have a table at their school fair and we had the support of 3 parents who were glad to see the books would be in their classrooms. Thanks to them as well for their support.

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