

# Understanding Differences

## A Self-Help Group

Raising Awareness to Support Children who have Experienced Difficult Times

April 2005

Please contact us with your story to go in our next update

<http://groups.msn.com/UnderstandingDifferences>

### FUNDRAISING

We are starting off with our info on fundraising, but, throughout, we are expressing thanks to everyone who has helped with events, offered prizes and services free so that we were able to raise money for our group.

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2004** we held our first fun day at The Wingspan Social Club. We can now confirm that the final amount collected in aid of this cause was £509.72; of this money we will be donating £100.00 to Children In Need. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make this possible.

**February 11<sup>th</sup> 2005** our first CHD Awareness Day Event at the Rose & Crown Pub. The final amount raised after deducting our expenses for the 'CHD Day Rose' (more about this later) was £182.04 of this we donated £15 each to Little Hearts Matter, Heartline and ECHO.

[www.lhm.org.uk](http://www.lhm.org.uk)  
[www.heartline.org.uk](http://www.heartline.org.uk) and  
[www.echo-at-guys.org.uk](http://www.echo-at-guys.org.uk)

We would like to thank those who donated prizes (listed in the last update) and to:

- **John Ritchie** who did the disco for both events free. He normally charges for children's and adult discos-you can contact him on [JJRKiddies@aol.com](mailto:JJRKiddies@aol.com) or 07859045061
- **Lisa** who donated bunches of balloons to decorate the pub; they were lovely, thank-you. [lisacotton1@hotmail.com](mailto:lisacotton1@hotmail.com)
- **Cakecraft** who donated a fruit cake with our logo on the top. We auctioned this and got an incredible £50 for it, thank-you very much. 01293 520875 Gales Drive in Three Bridges.

And to

- **Flowers and Such** who donated some blue roses to decorate the tables. 01342 718959 Copthorne Bank, Copthorne.

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2005** our second CHD Awareness Day Event at Green Fields Church hall. Although we did take £66 on refreshments, decorating biscuits, donations and the silent auctions we had incurred expenses of over £115.24 without deducting the remainder of the 'CHD Day Rose' costs and the kind payment of the hall that was made by Anna's mum. However we still donated another £6 to Little Hearts Matter as they had very kindly donated us some prizes that we used. Again, we would like to thank everyone who helped and for the 2 prizes that were donated and used for the auction-the Meal at TGI Fridays, and the massage offered by Roger Molesworth 01293 851465

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with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (Ref:

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## Collection Boxes

In January we purchased 20 of our own Collection Boxes as a few places had said that they would be happy to hold them for us. They cost £57.58.

Here is a summary of the places who have them now along with details of the money that has already been collected (some of the larger amounts also had our 'CHD Day Rose':

### Collection Boxes contd

Apple Tree £11.00

Centaur Social Club £17.20

The Rose & Crown £6.44  
Happy Shopper (Langley Green)  
£17.01

Tilgate Park Café £15.00

Royal Oak £6.30

Chip shop pound hill £4.49

Brewsters Pub £100.19

Pizza Go Go (Tilgate) £19.43

Wingspan Social Club £3.00

Rogers Ceramics £43.50

The following places in Crawley and Copthorne also have our collection boxes:

Comet, Dr Samuel Johnson, Flight Tavern, Pelham Buckle, *White Knight Pub*, *Prince Albert Pub*, Copthorne Social Club, Maid of Sussex.

**Forget-Me-Not Florists** from Portslade has a collection box and helped us out greatly with our 'CHD Day Roses'. After great discussion as to whether we should use real or fake roses for valentines day we came up with the idea of the '**CHD Day Rose-Valentine and 'CHD Day Rose-Mum'**.

Accompanied with a poem, the rose represented "*Understanding Differences*" meaning of Valentines Day-which of course was Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Day. We then extended this into Mothers Day and re-wrote the poem. Lisa at Forget-Me-Not Florists got the roses in; on more than one occasion! and let us have them for a very good price. Without her support we would not have been able to collect so much money from the collection boxes over this period. We thank her again and hope she may be able to help us next year.

### 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.

### OTHER MONEY SPENT

We have also spent approx

- £19 on Usborne Books-this was a starter pack so that we can sell them and use the profits for our group.
- £80 on ink cartridges,
- £6.00 on balloons and moulds for CHD Day events
- £157 on 'CHD Day Roses'. I think that's it.

## GRANTS

It's time to start applying for more grants. Please let us know of any new sponsors out there offering community grants. Any comments on what you think we should be asking to spend the money on?

## MEETINGS

We still meet at Brewsters every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. This is at Tilgate Park, Tilgate, Crawley. We meet at 6pm. This may change, as there are a few rumours that Brewsters may be losing the play area. Please phone to check before going to Brewsters.

**Squirrels Playgroup, Our Lady's Playgroup in Langley Green and St. Margaret's School**-We asked if they would do an event to support us over CHD period i.e. make heart shaped cookies but they were not able to help this time.

**Desmond Anderson School** let us have a Valentines Card Competition. The main aim of the idea was to raise the profile of the group and attempt to get some communication going. The leaflets given also had all the details of the events on the back. There were 3 entries; my own son and the other 2 children were those that I child mind. To follow things through, we gave them a few bars of chocolate each. Hopefully we may be able to use their pictures sometime. The competition was open to all the other members but, to date there have been no entries.

We welcome any chance to raise our profile so if you have any ideas to help then please contact us. Perhaps your school, playgroup or social group would become involved in our next event, hold a small grid game to raise money with a percentage going to a charity of your choice or perhaps you have some other ideas?????