

# St Monica Trust Community Fund

*Making a difference*

INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY AND FULFILMENT

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## Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Community Fund Newsletter.

We hope that you have had a good start to 2009.

We had a very good response to our new theme for organisational giving 2009 and have awarded in the region of £110,000 to 14 organisations.

Please keep an eye on the website for news on 2010's theme and dates for application.

## Celebration of Giving



In December 2008 we held a Celebration of Giving. This was a chance for the 130 organisations granted funding by St Monica Trust from 2003– 2008 to share their experiences of the Community Fund and discuss the ways in which the money has helped. We celebrated their work and showcased a diverse selection of the groups we have funded. This event also allowed people to network and receive funding advice from a variety of specialist agencies who were also present.

This was a very successful and informative afternoon and we would like to thank everyone who took part and made it a true celebration of all the work that has been carried out over the past five years. We look forward to continuing our work with you.

## **Spread the Word.....**

We need you to spread the word about the work of the St Monica Trust Community Fund.

The important things you need to remember are:

1. We only help people who have a **physical disability** or **long-term physical health problem** and are **over the age of 16**.
2. We help people who live in Bristol or the surrounding area.
3. We help people who have a low income and limited savings.
4. Applications need to be completed in full and can be downloaded from our website: [www.communityfund.stmonicastrust.org.uk](http://www.communityfund.stmonicastrust.org.uk)

If you would like us to come and visit your organisation to tell you more about our work, we would be more than happy, just give us a call on the number below.



## Meet the Team!

In this edition of the newsletter we would like to introduce you to Suzie Beazer, the Community Fund Administrator. Here is what she has to say about herself:

*"I have been working as the part - time Community Fund Administrator for almost a year. Along with Fran Stockford I look after the paperwork and respond to all enquires that come into the office. I am also responsible for producing quarterly newsletters and the organisation of any events we host.*

*When I am not at work I am currently very busy organising my wedding for later this year and moving house!"*



Suzie Beazer

### **IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE**

- If you use photocopied application forms, please ensure that our equal opportunities monitoring form is sent in on a separate page. This page has to be removed before the application is seen by a decision maker.
- Applications and equal opportunities monitoring forms can be printed on **ANY** colour paper - it does not have to be lilac!
- We have been receiving a number of application forms on behalf of people who are entitled to a Community Care Grant (CCG). Please ensure that you have applied for all relevant statutory grants before applying to us as we can not help until this has been done.
- We are now returning application forms that have not been completed in full. Please ensure that you fill out **ALL** the details requested as without these we will not be able to register your request and will return the form to you. As you can appreciate this is time consuming for us and also means a longer wait for your clients.
- If a cheque has been made payable to your organisation, please ensure the money is spent on the items it was awarded for - if not we will be unable to make future cheques payable to your organisation.
- If we ask for receipts as proof of purchase please make sure they are returned to us. If we do not receive receipts it may jeopardize future applications and could mean the withdrawal of a short term grant.

### **For your info.....**

- Angelina Shoemake, our Community Fund Officer, works flexi-time and can be contacted by phone between the hours of 7am - 2pm.
- We are currently experiencing problems with our emails, so if you email us and do not hear back, please call us on the number below.

## **Contact Details**

If you have any questions or queries about the work of the Community Fund, or if you have any suggestions about how we can improve the way we work, please do not hesitate to contact us.

You can telephone us on:

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Or email us;

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