

St Monica Trust Community Fund

Making a difference



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Welcome to the **Winter** edition of the **Community Fund** Newsletter.

Our office will be open as usual over the Christmas and New Year period - excluding the public holidays.

We would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and successful 2010!

Grants for Organisations 2010

On the 1st November we opened for applications for 2010 funding for organisations.

Each year we fund organisations under a theme and this year the grants scheme is open to organisations working with older people living with a long-term physical disability, or physical health problem, where substance misuse is, or has been, a contributing factor.

This year we have a particular interest in funding organisations which are seeking to provide support services for older people with addiction issues; seeking to provide information services for this client group or wishing to provide training in this area. We would also like to help organisations who are working in collaboration with others and are smaller local groups and organisations.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website (see address overleaf) and must reach us by **31st January 2010**.

LinkAge is continuing to engage with older people in Southville and Bedminster through a variety of mediums. The woodwork groups for men are still proving popular and a bereavement coffee morning run in partnership with Cruse, is starting to grow and will hopefully be a lifeline for many bereaved individuals.

The Older People's Arts group continues to thrive, and many other clubs, including a walking group and games afternoon are developing too.

One of the biggest successes has been the publication of the 'Things to do' guide, which has been very well received by older people and local workers alike. This document is lively and colourful, with lots of pictures, but crucially also contains all the necessary information to help older people access the things that are taking place in their community.

A LinkAge volunteering and befriending service is also growing in Southville and Bedminster, with support from the central St Monica's volunteer scheme. The team hopes to see many volunteers trained and visiting isolated older people by the New Year.

**For more info please contact
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PRICE LIST



We thought it would be helpful to provide you with a price list for the most frequently awarded household items:

Washing Machine:	£199.99
Fridge:	£120.00
Freezer:	£139.99
Cooker:	£199.99
TV:	£160.00
Bed:	£100.00
Wardrobe:	£90.00
Sofa:	£170.00
Table & Chairs:	£75.00

As you will be aware we use our preferred suppliers to provide these items but we thought it would be useful for you to have a guideline of amounts awarded.

Meet the Team!

In this edition we would like to introduce you to the Community Fund Grants Officer, Angelina Shoemake. Angelina assesses applications for grants and gifts and spends a lot of time visiting applicants in their homes. Here is what she has to say about herself:

"I have been working for the Community Fund since 2006. I really enjoy working with the team and going out into the community to meet our clients. I am currently training for my Advanced Certificate in Counselling. My nickname at work is Angelina Ballerina — hence the picture!"

I have four teenage children who keep me very busy and when I am not acting as a taxi service I enjoy cooking and socialising with friends. I love Christmas and am counting down the days!"



IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- If we ask for receipts as proof of purchase please make sure they are returned to us as soon as possible - we need them for audit purposes. If we do not receive receipts it may jeopardise future applications and could mean the withdrawal of a short term grant. We cannot stress how important this is!!
- If you use photocopied application forms, PLEASE ensure that our equal opportunities form is sent in on a separate page. This form has to be removed before the application is seen by a decision maker.
- Please send medical evidence in with application forms (this can be a letter from a Doctor or other medical practitioner, photocopy of prescription etc) as this will speed up the application process.

For your info.....

- Contrary to popular belief we **DO NOT** classify pregnancy as a disability!!

- If your client is able to sign their name we do require their signature on the application form. Only under exceptional circumstances will we accept forms signed by others on their behalf.

- From January we will be able to consider applications for debt relief order fees. Each application will be considered on its own merit. *(Please note we will still be unable to help with bankruptcy fees).*



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.

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