Chairperson Report September 2024

I take great pleasure in welcoming all of you to our 18th AGM, this is my first AGM as chair person and cannot believe a year has passed already, I would like to this opportunity to thank John Fegan for all his dedication over the year’s being chairman and for all his help and guidance over the last year.

A great big thanks to Lauren Delahunty for coming and giving us a s presentation on the psychology services to cardiac children. Thank you to Mark Davidson from children’s hospital for stepping with a short talk on children’s services and Laura Swan from SACCS also giving a short talk on adult services along with Gemma Brown.

Since our last AGM we have continued to get back on track with various events taking place over the year, we have had our family weekend, teen weekend a couple of teen events of which I am sure Lesley (myself) will give further info on later. This year we took 65 people to the Isle of Cumbrae, had our cycle around the Island and some families joined together for a picnic on the front outside the Garrison, where £717 was raised by those who took part in the cycle, thank you to John and Esther Fegan for arranging this We had a very successful Christmas Party in Govan Community Centre which was well attended, the children danced and jumped about and were delighted when a red suited gent made his appearance. We also had a few stalls in the hospital two at Christmas and one at Easter, the stalls were very successful raising a total of £1228. We also had our Halloween craft events at the children, hospital. We had a day out to the Glasgow Science centre which was well attended in February. Our Edinburgh branch which is ran by Hannah Golden also had a separate Christmas party and a day out to Dynamic Earth. I would like to thank all members who helped to organise these events and man the stall for their help these events would not be able to go ahead.

The caravan in Faskally has been in full swing over the past two seasons with hardly any empty spaces in the bookings sheet, Pauline keeps the bookings organised and ensures people are informed of the process to make their bookings, thanks to Pauline for all her hard work. Thanks to Frank DelPippo for his hard work in maintaining the caravan and for being on call should there be any issues needing fixed.

We continue to supply CoaguChek monitors to adult cardiac patients for self-monitoring of their INR under the watchful eye of their anticoagulation clinic. Thank you to John Montgomery for overseeing this.

Fundraising, although down on previous years is very important to the well being of the charity and allows us to have all the support activities previously mentioned and a big part is played by the sale of Christmas cards every year. The cards are on the website and on sale in some areas. I would like to thank Sandra Parkins for all her work in dealing with the cards to get them out to our branches and to John and Esther for their choice of cards, A few committee members too part in the Glasgow Kilt walk joined by Pauline’s friend Tracy and niece Carly I would like to thank them for taking time out to join us raising money for the charity, a total of £1169 was raised. I would also like to thank Kirkhill Golf Club for holding a charity event where we were joint beneficiary with Beatson cancer charity receiving £5920 including donations from John Fegans’s friends.

I would like to thank Willie Gunn our treasurer for all his efforts over the year, getting the accounts ready for the auditors and for giving a finance report at all our meeting and to Carolanne for her hard work as secretary. Thanks to all the committee for attending meetings and ensuring the charity is in good shape.

Thanks to Alex and Kerry for providing our creche and entertaining the children.

I would also like to thank all of you for attending today it is good to see everyone

Thanks, and over to Willie

Lesley Kinnear 2024