



# childrens Chance

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Dear Supporter

We are delighted to announce details of our next fund-raising event, which will be a concert with the much acclaimed Salisbury Community Choir on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March at The Godolphin School at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are just £6 (from the SPCK bookshop). Please do support this event – it will be the choir's last UK performance before their 'Rainbow' tour of S. Africa.



After the appeal for support in our newsletter last summer we must say thank you to so many groups and organisations for their donations. St Thomas's Church in Salisbury raised £400 from their Christmas Tree Festival - this was a display of over seventy Christmas trees and a programme of music over seven days to help people reflect whilst preparing for Christmas. Amesbury Rotary Club donated a similar amount from their Tree of Light appeal, and Salisbury Cathedral has also donated over £300 from their Christmas services. We would like to thank all these organisations for their 'Christmas' support.

Another greatly appreciated donation came from Salisbury Rotary Cogs who organised the annual Spireworks display at the cattle market in November. The evening was a great success, with more than three thousand people attending the display. Very many congratulations go to the 'Cogs' and the Rotary members of both Salisbury and Wilton for their dedication in masterminding this landmark event. The charity was presented with a cheque at Wilton Riding for the Disabled with whom the proceeds of £4000 were shared.



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Young people have also been doing 'their bit' to help others too! Elen and Bethan Wyatt both took part in the Tesco Junior Great South Run in October and raised sponsorship of over £300. (The BUPA adult race is one of Europe's biggest ten-mile events). Elen finished the junior three-kilometre event in less than 13 minutes and this enabled her to earn a sponsorship bonus from one of her sponsors! (The girls also collected a massive £100 in under an hour at the Spireworks event! Well done and thank you to everybody who donated).

Thanks also go to Sandra Broad who has been Acting Director for the second phase of the charity's 'Awards for All' development campaign. Mrs Broad has been visiting schools in the area and creating awareness of our work so that no child should miss out on opportunity. We also hope that her visits will stimulate donations from schools - a school non-uniform day can generate hundreds of pounds and we hope to be nominated for donations in the year ahead. *(With effect from March the charity will continue to be run entirely by volunteers).*



Finally, dedicated supporters were out collecting on 16<sup>th</sup> December in the Maltings area. The collection raised a good sum, but perhaps just as importantly the collection gave the opportunity to raise awareness with the collecting team sporting brand new sashes! Thank you to Christine Vale (pictured with Hon Secretary Tony Miller), Roger and Cindy Demain-Griffiths and Anna Mynott. Hundreds of leaflets were also distributed.

Thank you for reading our news and for the support that you have given. We naturally hope that we shall go from strength to strength and that with wonderful support we will be able to continue supporting the most needy children in our community. If you would like to help us please do send a donation or visit our (new in 2006) website and donate on line, or simply come along to our concert - £6 is very good value and it promises to be a fantastic evening. We hope to see you there!

Yours sincerely

Jane Miller  
Hon Chair and Trustee