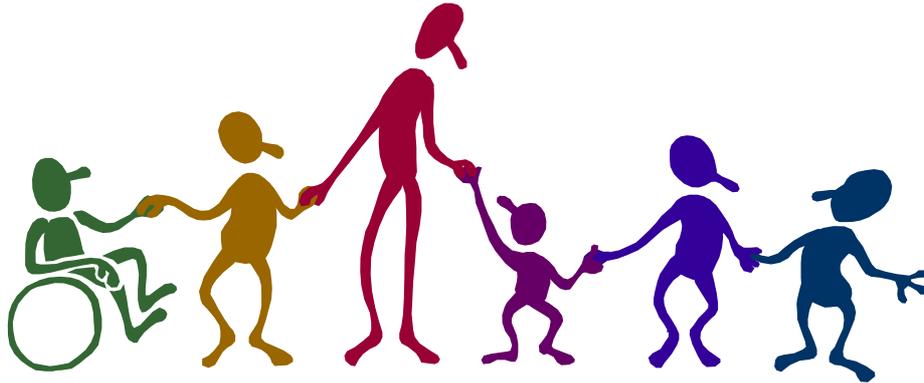


HELPING HAND

Submission Template (Jane
Sutton)

WHAT IS YOUR HELPING HAND IDEA / INITIATIVE?

ASHBOURNE PLAYAWAY



Ashbourne Playaway are a small charity who provide a holiday scheme for local children with additional needs and / or physical disabilities, giving children great days out, and their parents / carers, much needed respite.

The holiday scheme has been established for 15 years, and relies solely on sourced grants and funding, and their own fundraising efforts. They are a non-profit making organization, the aim being to provide one to one care for every child in order to meet their individual needs.

With the rising cost of transport this year, the number of days out they can offer during the summer holidays, could be in jeopardy.

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND OF YOUR NOMINATION?

After hearing recently that this amazing charity are struggling for funding, and this could cause the amount of trips available to the children having to be cut in the summer holidays, I just felt I needed to do something to help.

I have started to get involved in helping them raise awareness locally of this wonderful play scheme, and hopefully raise some much needed funding.

My nephew attends this scheme, so it's a charity very close to my heart and I've witnessed first hand the excitement of the children getting ready to go off on their day trips, it's very humbling! The thought of them not being able to do this, is heart breaking.



The holiday scheme currently has around 25 children registered with them, and is a lifeline for local families who have children with additional needs / physical disabilities, particularly in the long summer holidays when the children do not have access to their school provision for such a length of time.

Ashbourne Playaway provides fun, stimulating days out during the school holidays for children aged 4-16 years. They run a total of 13 days out per year, the first two trips are in April followed by nine trips during the summer holidays and finishing off with two trips in October.

Their aim is to help the children learn about the world around them by taking them on a variety of exciting adventures throughout the year. Also, developing their social skills by making new friends, promoting independence, and encouraging them to make their own choices.

Recent trips have included – National Forest Adventure Farm, Twycross Zoo, Conkers, Drayton Manor Theme Park, Crich Tramway Village and Snibston Discovery Park. The trips are partially subsidized by funding making them affordable for everyone.



Carsington Reservoir Day Out

HOW WOULD THE FUNDS BENEFIT THEM?

With the rising costs of transport needed to take the children on day trips, and also staffing the holiday scheme, they find it harder year on year to gain the support they require to meet the basic running costs. That coupled with the ever increasing demand from charities for financial help and support, it becomes harder to secure funding from those who are able to give it.

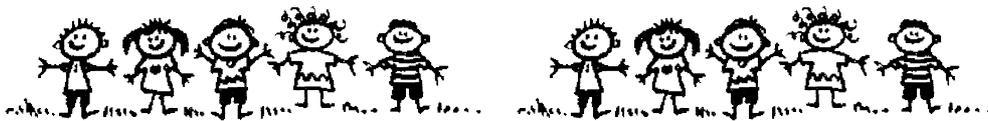
Ashbourne Playaway would benefit enormously from Jenrick Engineering's Helping Hand Scheme. In particular, meaning they won't have to cut the number of summer outings available to the children this year.

It would provide financial support towards the transport costs, and contribute towards the admission costs for a wide variety of exciting and fun places they would like to visit with the children over the summer, also offering the parents / carers some much needed respite!

Jenrick's £1000 Helping Hand = One group of very happy children!



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