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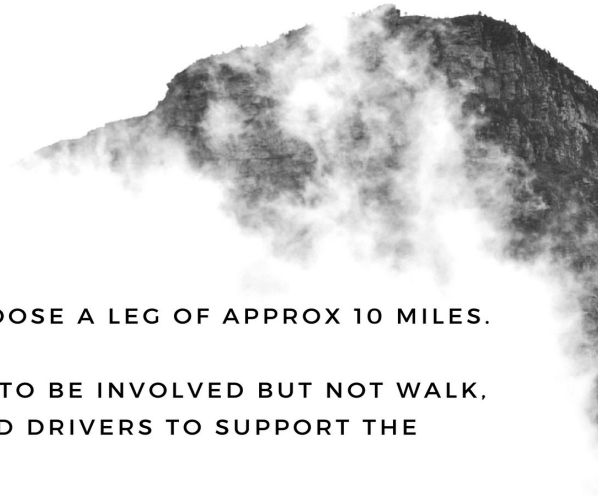


Imagine the difference you can make
Did you know that legacies are a vital source of income for charities? To find out more about leaving a gift in your will we have a page on our website with information we hope is useful:
www.thefamilyhaven.com/how-you-can-help/leave-a-legacy/

Upcoming Events

DO YOU ENJOY A GOOD WALK?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR WALKERS INTERESTED IN
TAKING PART IN THE ROTARY@KINGSOLM
COTSWOLD WAY IN A DAY CHALLENGE.



WALKERS CHOOSE A LEG OF APPROX 10 MILES.

IF YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED BUT NOT WALK,
WE ALSO NEED DRIVERS TO SUPPORT THE
TEAMS.

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CONTACT DEBBIE IF
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
TAKING PART.

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Welcome



A warm welcome to our new Trustee Clare Davies who will also be taken over has Deputy Chair from Louise Williams.

Become A Friend

Why become a Friend? As a Friend of The Family Haven you will be supporting the trustees and staff in helping provide the services our families so desperately need. Your regular subscriptions and offers of voluntary help are invaluable and support us in delivering our aims.

Call 01452 422971 for an application form or download it from <http://bit.ly/YtnESd>



Farewell



We would like say good bye to our trustee and Deputy Chair Louise Williams. The Family Haven Staff would like to say a big thank you for the hard work dedication and understanding Louise has given to The Family Haven.

THE FAMILY HAVEN

Helping vulnerable families to a brighter future since 1988

Fire Service & Rescue visits the children



On December 6th 2017 the Fire Service & Rescue arrived at nursery in their fire Engine to visit the children and their families. The children were very excited to see the fire engine park outside the nursery and many of them ran to the windows for a better look.

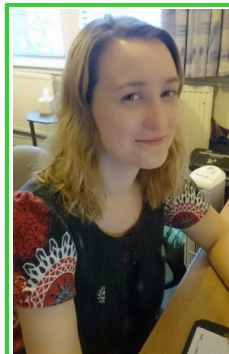


Two fire fighters came into nursery and read a story to the children and their parents about fire safety and how matches and lighters should be kept out of reach of children. They then took small groups of children at a time outside to look around the engine and try on their helmets.

The highlight of the visit for the children and their parents though was being able to spray water from the hoses. Some passing vehicles were very surprised to get an impromptu car wash! The fire fighters then very kindly gave each child a fridge magnet of a fire engine before putting the lights and sirens on and leaving. The children really enjoyed this visit and they talked a lot about firemen and fire safety for quite a while after.



New Outreach Partnership



Our new outreach partnership is progressing well. Lucy goes every week to the parent and toddler drop in at Hempsted and talks to parents, listens to their problems, advises them on child issues and sign posts to other specialist agencies for targeted help. The group leaders welcome our input and value our experience. As a result of our involvement with this group we were invited to refer any of our families who were to be on their own this Christmas, to St Swithun's and St Mary's church Christmas day lunch. It was held in the same location as the parent and toddler group, The Lysons Hall in Hempsted. They even put on transport. We referred two families who were going to be alone and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Newsletter

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Christmas celebrations

Both of our Christmas party days went extremely well. On the Tuesday we had 15 parents and 16 children, on the Thursday we had 16 parents and 20 children. The children enjoyed playing party games, doing Christmas art and craft activities, making and decorating Christmas biscuits as well as listening to stories and singing songs. The parents had great fun playing a few games of Christmas themed bingo and much laughter was to be heard when they played the adult pass the parcel (who says party games are just for children?) some of the parents tried to hold onto the parcel for as long as possible as there was a little surprise in each wrapper. We had some spectacular prizes in the raffle and everyone joined in hoping to bag a bargain. Once the fun and games were over it was time to indulge in the beautiful Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Even the vegetarian clients had a veggie version of pigs in blankets. Fruit flan and cream for dessert all washed down with a glass or two of wine or a soft drink. As always on the party days, the parents were waited on, served their lunch and no washing up. Also and most importantly there was no charge. At one o'clock we had a visit from Santa who came with gifts for each child, all the parents went into the nursery to see their child receive their gift and to take photos. After Santa had left it was time for the parents to collect their gifts, their children's gifts from TFH and a tin of chocolates for each family. None of this would have been possible without the kindness of our many donors who supply all the gifts, chocolates, some of the food and of course the volunteers who give up their time to help. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF THEM!

Party Day 1



Party Day 2

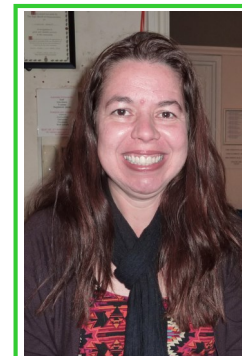


Christmas cookies & Christmas cakes

We ran lots of parent sessions leading up to Christmas. These included several cooking sessions making Christmas biscuits, cakes and sweets as well as several art/craft sessions making Christmas cards and handmade presents. As always they were very popular and well attended. The practical sessions are particularly useful for getting the parents to cooperate and interact with each other as language is not such a big issue.



Mum's Testimonials



I Daniele Freitas and my son Arthur Freitas Borchert met and started activity at Family Haven in July 2017. In this letter, I would like to express how happy we are to have this opportunity. Since the birth of my son I have been in great trouble with my ex partner and in May 2017, I and my son live in a room (shared house), unfortunately the house has no structure for a baby, he did 1 year and did not walk, never crawled and always very fearful. Now, Family Haven has space and toys suitable for his age, people qualified for the safe development. He now feels confident, walks and runs to all sides, holds pencil and pen very well, He is motivated to feed himself and make friendship. I also have made friends and feel happier. I am very happy with his progress and here we feel respected for all. We have opportunity to do small trip, go to swimming pool and soft play. We receive information about social events, studies and work. All staff is always attentive and available to help. Now, I just say thank you, thank you for everything.

DaAiele Freitas

Gloucester 9th November 2017

Cheque Presentation



We are very grateful to have been chosen by Perseverance Lodge No 4554 for their support. What a lovely surprise. Andy Nation presented Lorraine Barrett, Centre Manager with a cheque on Friday 12th January 2018.