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Happy Birthday Ms Beck!

Over the past six months we have received many generous donations in many different forms, and we are so appreciative of the way in which so many support us - thank you all!

One creative donation was when we were contacted by Ms Beck to let us know that as she approached a 'special' birthday, she had requested that her friends each give a box of soup instead of a birthday present! She then intended to donate all of the soup to Wheels in Motion. This was such a lovely surprise, and a wonderful way of allowing many people to play a part in supporting those struggling in their community. I'm sure not everyone stuck to the 'one box' request, however it was very clear to me that this lovely lady has a lot of friends! This is the second time someone has chosen to donate in this way, and we are very grateful - we hope you had a great birthday, and we are sure God will bless you for your selflessness!



At Wheels in Motion...

...we have been challenged by the verse in James 2v16, which says; 'If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?'. This has caused us to consider what love looks like for individuals, and we are quickly learning that one size doesn't fit all. As we strive to get to know individuals, we aim to get to know what really matters to them - and demonstrate love to them by showing we care about the things they care about. Sometimes it means sourcing clothes for someone who has fled domestic violence and has nothing but the clothes on their back, or delivering a bed to their empty house where they have been sleeping on the hard floor. For others it is a listening ear - making time to meet for coffee and spend one-to-one time really listening to the struggles they are facing. For others it can be as simple as a hug - a sign of affection and acceptance. Every week, as we continue to meet new people, facing different challenges, we pray that our eyes will be truly open to their needs, so we can show them God's love in a way they can relate to and that is meaningful to them.



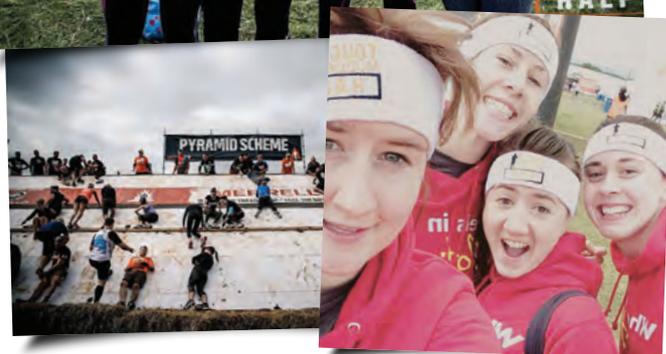
for our Annual Christmas Fayre

Sat 12th November, 10am-1pm,
New Prestwick Baptist Church



Crazy fundraisers!

Some people are a little crazier than others, and the 'Wii not fit' girls certainly fit in to that category! Becky and Jen, regular volunteers at the bus, teamed up with their friends Rachel and Hollie, with equally big hearts and crazy attitudes to participate in this years Half Mudder Challenge! This involved them trudging through miles of mud whilst overcoming intense obstacles all in aid of Wheels in Motion! As they trained and prepared, the girls had such determination and we were so proud of their efforts on the day, completing the 5mile course in only 1 hour and 54 minutes, and all with a smile on their faces! Great effort! Their participation in this crazy event also caught the attention of many of their friends and family, helping not only to raise a fantastic amount of funds, but also raising awareness of the work of Wheels in Motion - thanks girls!



My Experience on The Bus; Ann Jones

On certain Thursday evenings when I think of "going for a bus" it's for a very special one. This Bus stops at two locations in Ayr where there is always a group of folk eagerly waiting to board! This is the Wheels in Motion bus. How did I become involved as a volunteer?

I had heard about the work of the Bus, mainly from Suzanne who, in a great step of faith, saw God provide the wherewithal (including an actual bus from Stagecoach!) to reach out to the homeless and those with addiction problems.

About two years ago, I decided to go and see the work of the bus in action. It was with some trepidation, but there was a warm welcome and soon found myself helping to give out food to the folk who had come in for shelter. When first going to the Bus I thought that I was "too old" but was very touched on my last visit to be asked by someone if they could adopt me as their grandmother!!

The motto of the Bus is a quote of Jesus from Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

It is not just the food and drink (including hot chocolate "with everything" --cream and marshmallows!) but the genuine interest, love and concern shown by the great team of volunteers, including a lovely group of young kitchen helpers. There are times of fun and laughter too, at outings, and birthdays when there is a cake and gift for that special person. How everyone is remembered speaks volumes.

Above all else, the ministry of the Bus is to demonstrate the love of God and how, when we invite the Lord Jesus Christ into our lives, there can be new life and broken chains.



Duke of Edinburgh

We are regularly approached by a variety of people, looking for ways in which they can help to support what we do. Rachel from Marr College recently contacted us in a bid to help us out while working towards her Duke of Edinburgh Award. At only 14, Rachel was unable to physically attend the bus, but her willingness and enthusiasm meant we were still able to find a role for her! Each week she would do the shopping, seeking out the best deals and collecting the bits and pieces to allow us to provide for the many who attend the bus. She also helped by preparing the many rolls some weeks. Rachel has been an asset to us and a great reminder of the fact that we all have something to bring.



Prayer

We were particularly touched recently when one of our regulars observed us spending some time praying for an individual. When we had finished, she quietly asked 'Would you have time for a wee prayer for me?'. Of course, prayer is something we always have time for. Despite being a practical ministry that aims to show love in action, many people who come along have questions around the Christian faith, and find great comfort in being prayed for and with. Some even join in! One regular likes to quote Robert Burns' grace;

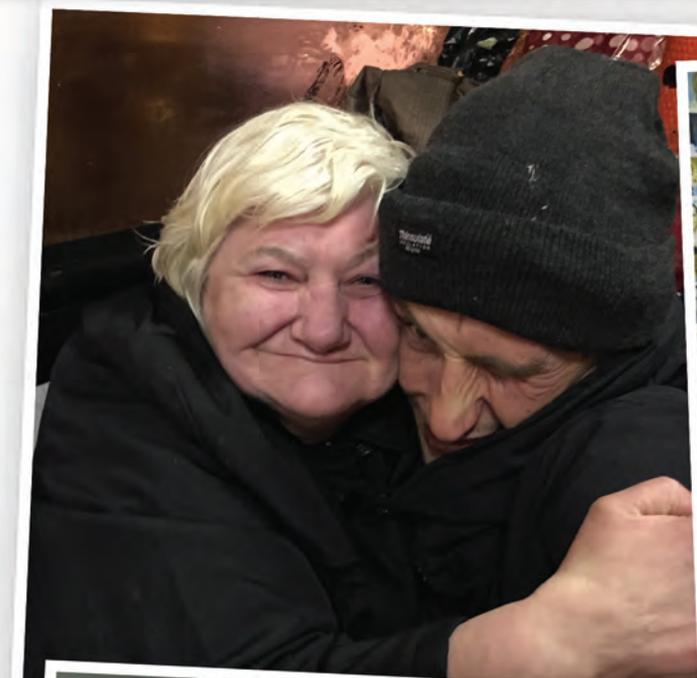
"Some hae meat and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit."

We believe God hears and answers prayers, and enjoy the opportunity to pray collectively each week, before everyone heads home.

Prayer requests

For our service users, that 2016 will be the year they get to know God personally
For wisdom as we continue to make decisions for the ongoing work of Wheels in Motion.

Suzanne Holden
Chairperson



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Matthew 25v35

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