



Mark Benevolent Fund

Q3 Review
July – Sept 2023



Fund Activity Summary

- £2,900 - Local Community Focus
- £3,000 - Our Members
- £25,000 - Humanitarian Aid
- £57,000 - Secondary Emergency Services
- £10,000 - Youth Sector
- £81,238 - Supporting those with Disabilities
- £27,392 - Medical Support

40%

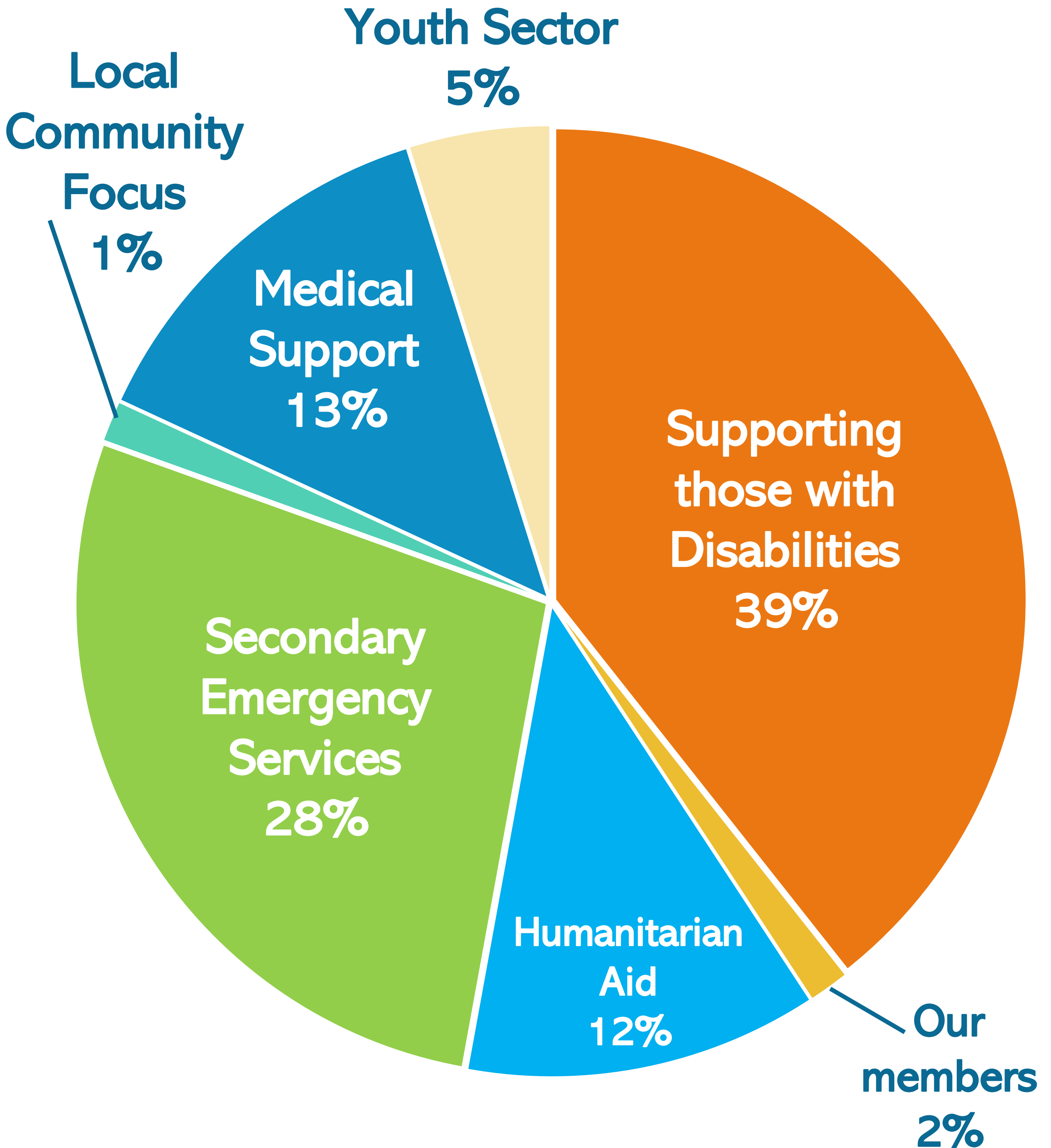
of funds went to applications directly initiated by our Provinces

60%

of funds went to direct applications from charities

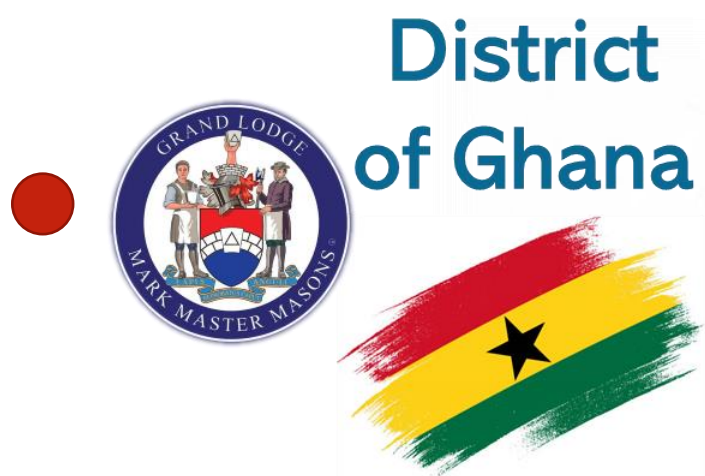


At a Glance...

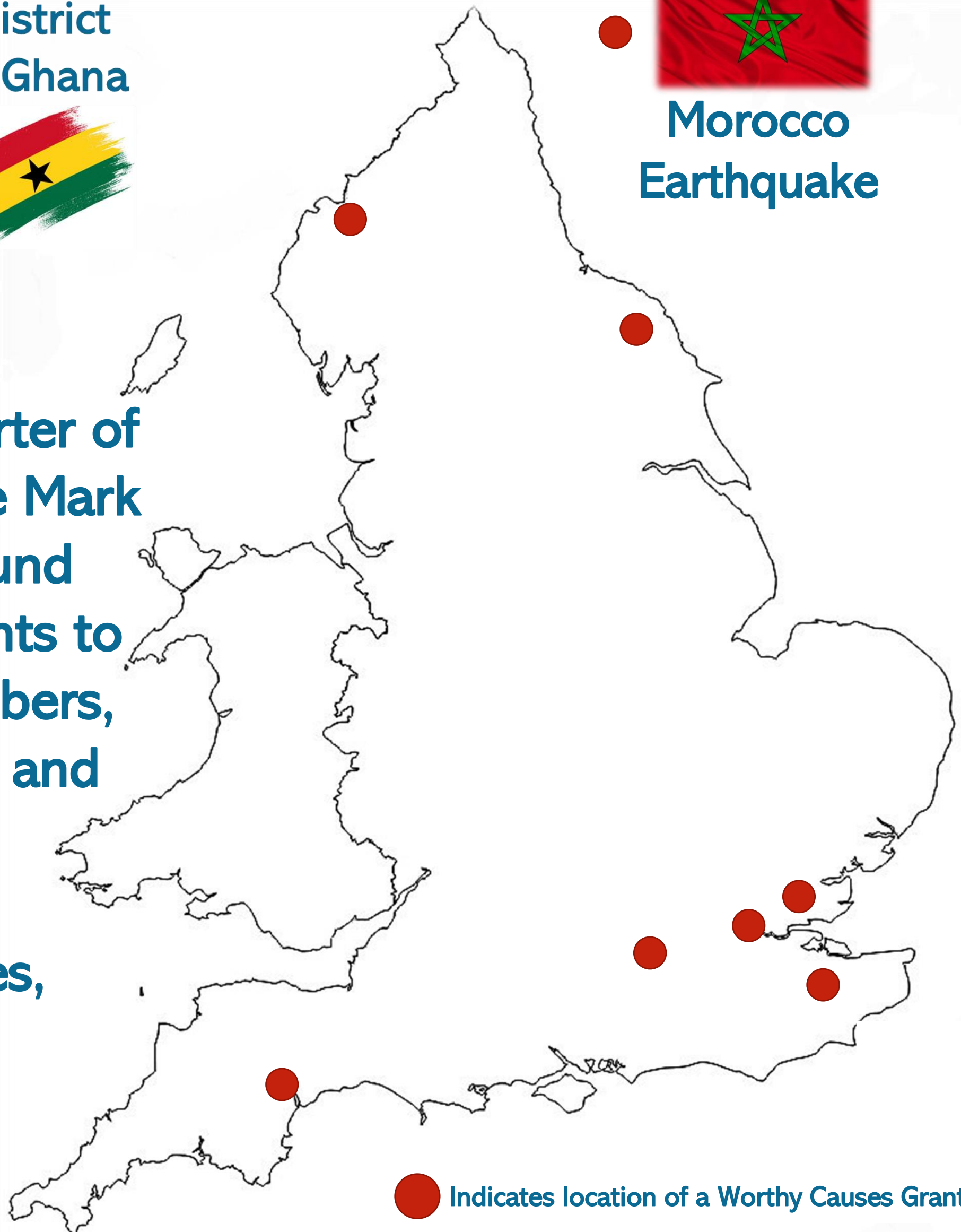




£206,530



The third quarter of 2023 saw the Mark Benevolent Fund make ten grants to our own members, local charities and other worthy causes across England, Wales, Ghana and Morocco.





£10,000

The Whitehaven Theatre of Youth are a performing arts charity for ages 7 to 18, covering all aspects of drama and musical theatre. They needed funding for equipment to enhance their productions and give a more professional feel to them. They can also be rent out some of it to other amateur theatre groups to benefit the wider community. They also bought DVD production equipment to help with ongoing fundraising.



ARROW
RIDING CENTRE



£7,500

The Arrow Riding Centre is for young people and adults with special needs. They are a volunteer-based charity with a team of qualified coaches that work alongside physiotherapists to develop tailor-made programmes for each of the riders, helping them to unlock their potential on and off the horse. Rosa is their newest recruit thanks to the M.B.F.



£11,581

For every 100 babies born in the UK one is born with a heart condition and up to 1,000 can develop heart conditions afterwards. The Children's Heart Federation is the leading UK children's heart charity supporting these children and their families. The funds purchased INR (international normalised ratio) machines so that children on blood thinning medication can have the "clotting levels" of their blood tested safely at home and not risk infection by attending hospital or miss valuable education by missing school. An INR test meter is a portable, battery-operated meter, used to monitor patient response to warfarin.



ShelterBox

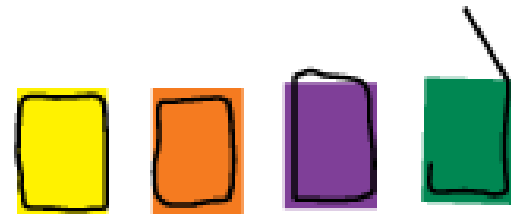
£25,000

Following the devastating earthquake in Morocco in early September the Mark Emergency Relief Fund stepped up with a grant for assistance via our trusted partners at ShelterBox based in Truro, Cornwall.



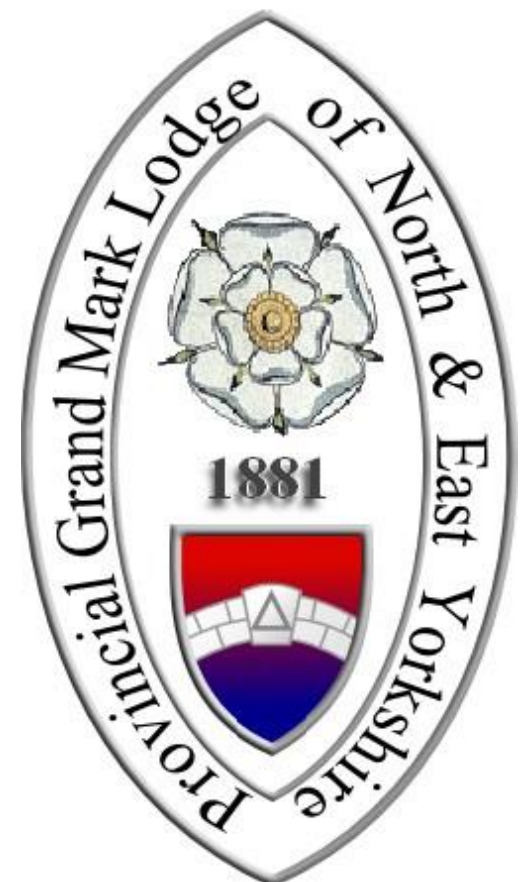
Style Acre

Supporting people with learning disabilities



£36,000

Style Acre supports 270 adults with learning disabilities and autism in Oxfordshire. Since 1995, people have accessed person centred support to live safe, happy and fulfilled lives. Style Acre is rated 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission. A new minibus for use by adults with learning disabilities and autism has been provided by the M.B.F. Their vehicles provide essential transport to and from their community hubs and to a wide range of activities across the county.



£57,000

Tees River Rescue provides routine patrols on the River Tees to ensure water safety and to assist emergency services as requested. A new reliable purpose built boat has been supplied by the M.B.F. to replace the aged models they currently have.



£6,771

The charity needed a specific piece of equipment namely an Acheeva bed system. This bed is designed to help children and adults with special needs learn how to move independently. These include people with cerebral palsy, autism, Down's syndrome, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries and many other conditions.



£30,967

The club needed four specialised sports wheelchairs, two very bespoke ones for players Ollie and Joel and two specialised wheelchairs needed to support and encourage other and new players. Wheelchairs are vital for disabled people to take part in sport and also to progress in this sport and achieve ambitions like those of Joel and Ollie.



**BRITISH
LIVER
TRUST**

£15,811

The M.B.F. was pleased to fund a new liver disease health screener, furniture for the charity's mobile screening unit, and new 'Easy read' materials for people who are at risk of liver disease or liver cancer, and have lower health literacy.

**LOVEY
FOUNDATION**

£2,900

The Lovey Foundation (UK) gives access to education for children in Bawku Municipal District in the north east of Ghana. All Ghanaian children have the right to education but many of the poorest children do not take up this right because their parents cannot afford to buy school uniforms, or because the children work full-time for their families, doing such duties as collecting firewood, tending animals or labouring on farms. A new motorbike allows the charity access to remote areas to seek out children in need. The bike provides better access than a car especially over rough terrain.



**District
of Ghana**





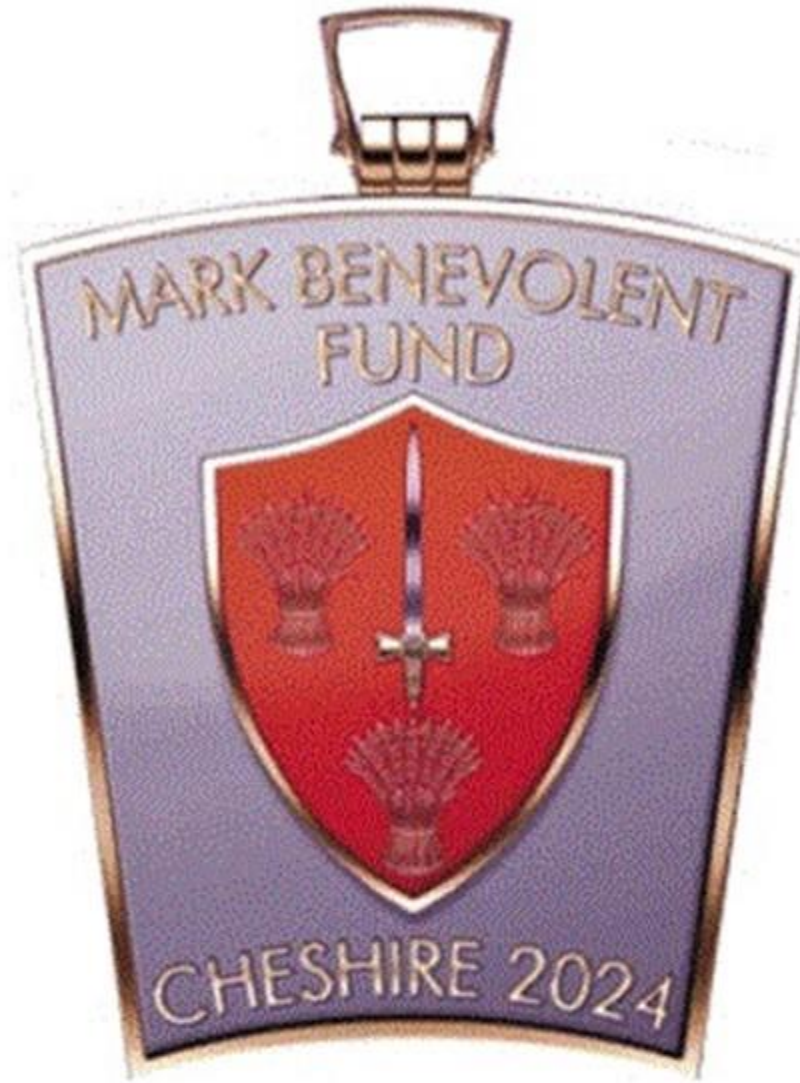
Who did we help?

A grant of £3,000 was made to one of our members

- If you need assistance with medical costs your first port of call must be to the Masonic Charitable Foundation to check if they will be able to help you. Contact your Craft Lodge Almoner for further help or contact the MCF direct either online or by phone.

<https://mcf.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

- You must contact the MCF before engaging with any consultants or undergoing any private examinations.
- It is very rare that the MCF will take on any retrospective applications for assistance so always check with them first.



156th MBF Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Concorde Conference Centre
Wilmslow Old Rd, Altrincham

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Saturday, 6 July 2024

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