Mark Benevolent Fund

2021
Annual
Review



'As 2021 drew to its close I am sure that you, like me, were already noting diary entries for 2022 and wondering what the New Year would bring. Of course, we cannot know what is in the future but it is certain that there will be many more applications from our Brethren and their families and other charities from outside Freemasonry for help of one sort or another.

2021 was a particularly traumatic year at times for many people. We can only hope that with the help of our clinicians and those tasked with finding a cure, that they will succeed and we can return to some form of normality again.

You will soon realise, looking through the figures illustrated in this publication, just how many cases are considered by The Trustees through the course of a year helping to distribute the monies so generously donated by yourselves. I thank you all, not only for your generosity, but the effort so many of you put into helping our own Brethren and their families in times of difficulty.

I would like to urge you to attend the MBF presentations in your Provinces, if it is appropriate, and experience the joy and sometimes relief your generosity brings when the recipients receive our help, in whatever form it takes. You must remember that it is the donations, made by yourselves, that give the Mark Benevolent Fund the ability to help so many others.

Lastly, I would like, on your behalf, to take this opportunity to thank all of The Trustees and all of the Support Staff at Mark Masons' Hall for all their hard work in making sure that things run smoothly.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.'

V.W.Bro. John Bell, P.G.M.O.

President of the Mark Benevolent Fund



The Mark Benevolent Fund was founded in 1868 by the Reverend George Raymond Portal, *MA* Grand Master 1869-1873, (in 1881 Canon Portal). It is the official charity of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the third largest branch of Freemasonry.

The Fund comprises of twelve Trustees who in turn form the two committees who review applications:

- The Petitions Committee who assess applications from individual Mark Master Masons or their dependants who may be in distress.
- The Worthy Causes Committee which looks at applications from registered charities and other worth while organisations.



Fund Activity Summary 2021

£34,509 - Cancer Care

£168,898 - Disability Support Services

£10,000 - Hospice Movement

£276,784 - Secondary Emergency Services

£10,558 - Elderly Support

£203,952 - Youth Sector

£42,927 - Other Support Sectors

£34,845 - Individuals

78%

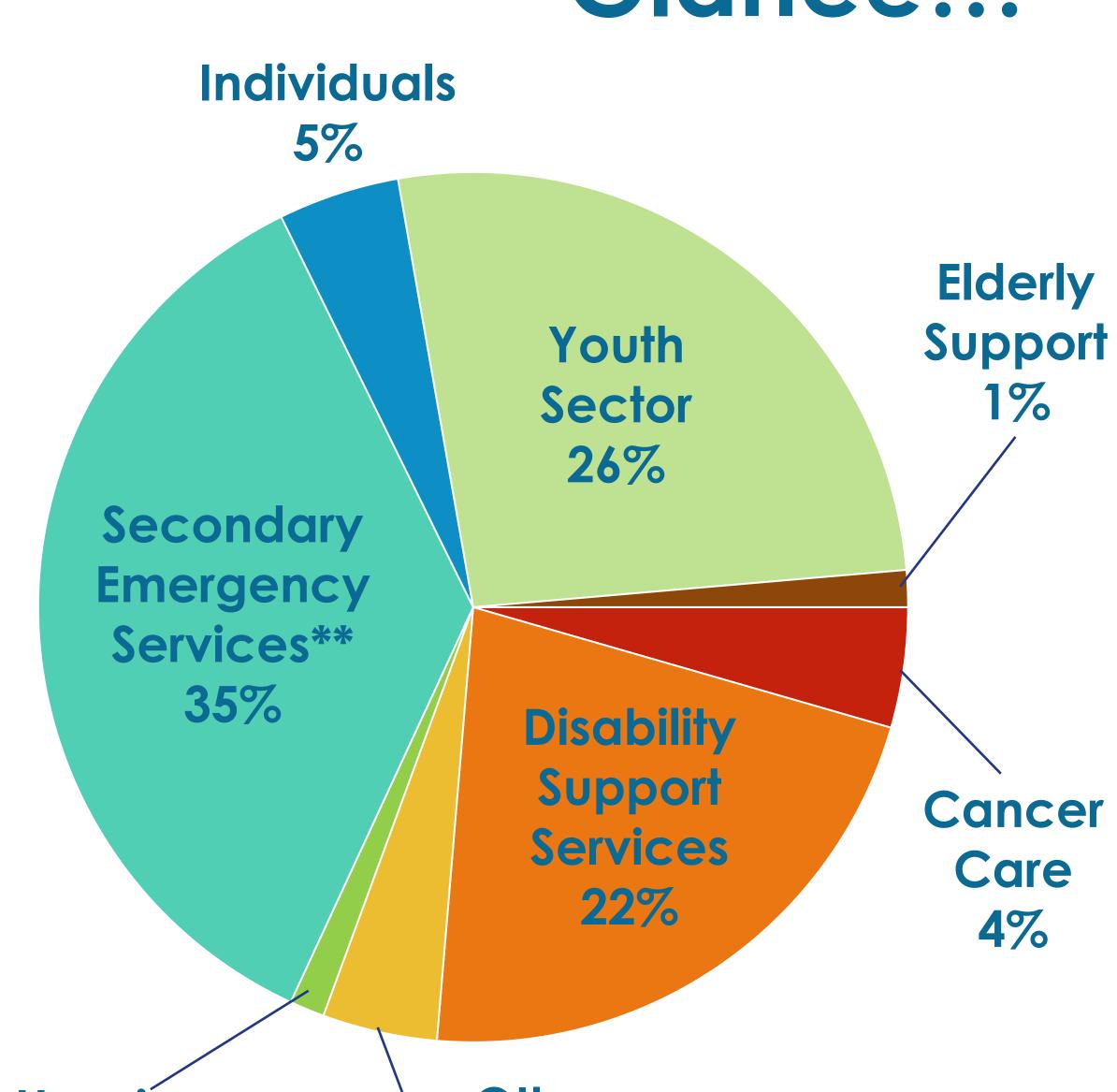
went to applications initiated by our Provinces

22%

went to charities making direct applications



Ata Glance...



Hospice Movement 1% Other
Support
Services
6%

**Covering Blood Bikes, RNLI, Independent lifeboats and mobile doctors



The Chairman of the MBF Worthy Causes Committee writes:

It has been yet another busy year for the MBF Worthy Causes Committee with 59 petitions covering a nationwide spread of applications. After lengthy deliberation on all of the petitions the Committee agreed to support 37 of them and in all cases those decisions were unanimous. I am very lucky to be Chairman of a Committee having members who not only respond in good time but carry out due diligence to the highest degree and for this I thank them whole heartily.

Please remember Brethren that we can only support these petitions because of your generosity and you should all be proud of our Mark Benevolent Fund as well of yourselves. If you know of a suitable organisation that is in need of help and you think it should be supported, talk to your Provincial Grand Charity Steward with a view to putting together an application in conjunction with the charity. Our hardworking Charities Manager Darren Coleman-Heald will, I am sure, also be delighted to help and guide you through the process.

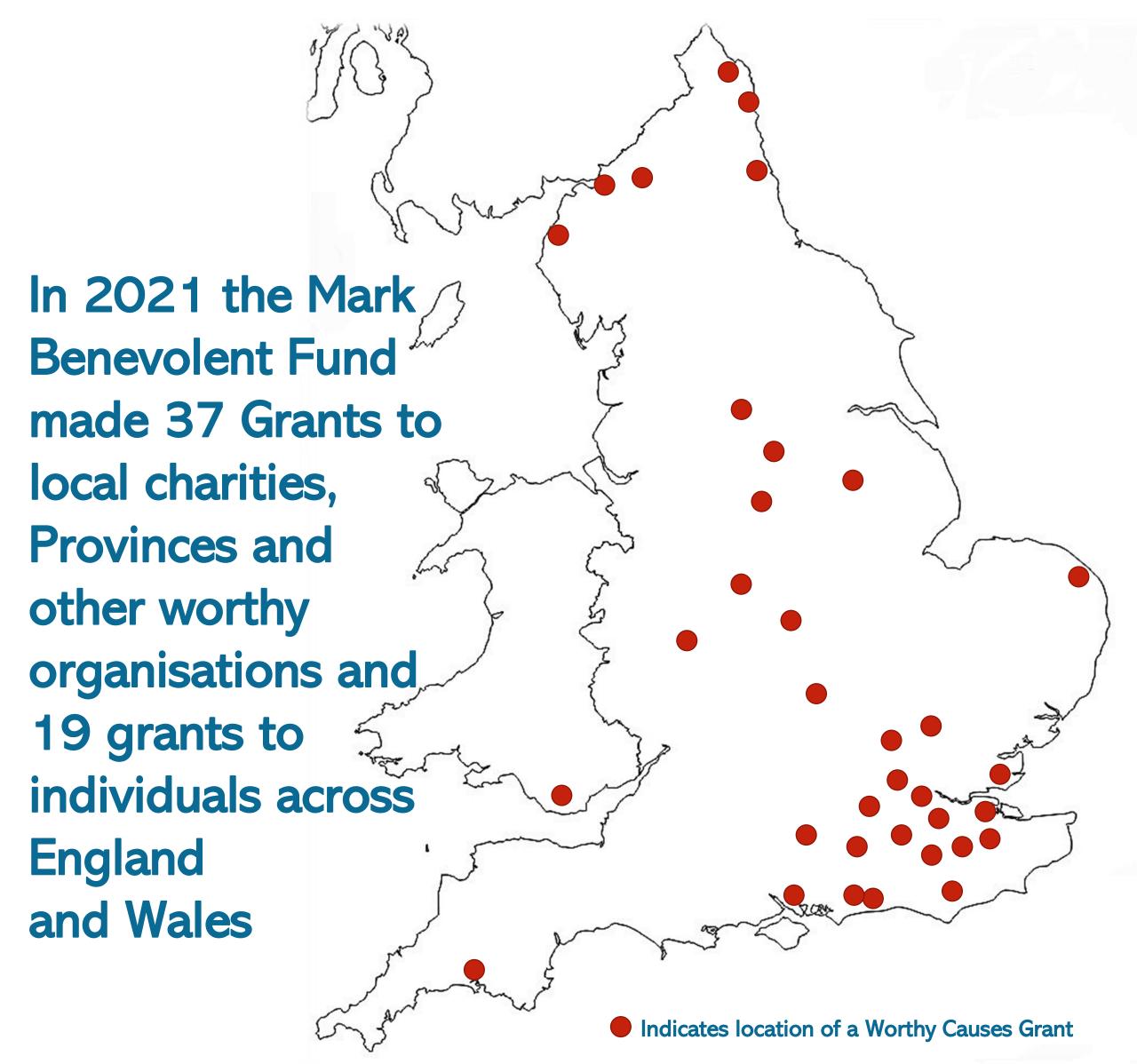
I do hope that you have all had a wonderful Festive Season and like me are hopeful that in the near future we can return to some sort of normality and continue our Mark Masonry.

Keep Safe

R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. (London)
Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund



£782,473







to support those with disabilities



£29,600





FREEDOM CENTRE



£54,762

The Freedom Centre in Sheerness needed a specially adapted minibus fitted with the latest safety features for transporting the physically disabled in safety and comfort.



£18,506

Towards the completion of the structure at their new premises in Effingham.







£5,000

Blooming Blossoms supports learning for disabled children attending mainstream school. Disabilities include autism, social communication disorders, ADHD, dyspraxia and dyslexia. funding for the final part of the 'Feeling, Talking Walking Garden' project in Hackney.





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Of brightness for the ill and disa

£27,590



This charity assists disabled people of all backgrounds and ages to partake in sailing activities. The funds are for a new safety boat to assist the dinghies in case anything goes wrong.



£25,000 from the MBF + £7,000 Provincial Contribution

Enabling the charity to build a new disabled friendly boat replacing an older canal boat that is not cost efficie



£8,440

Celebrating 100 years

Purchasing demonstration equipment for use within a new state of the art Mobile Sight Centre for the Kent Association for the Blind. This will allow those who are visually impaired to assess cutting edge equipment within the clinically safe environment of the Mobile Sight Centre before buying for use at home.



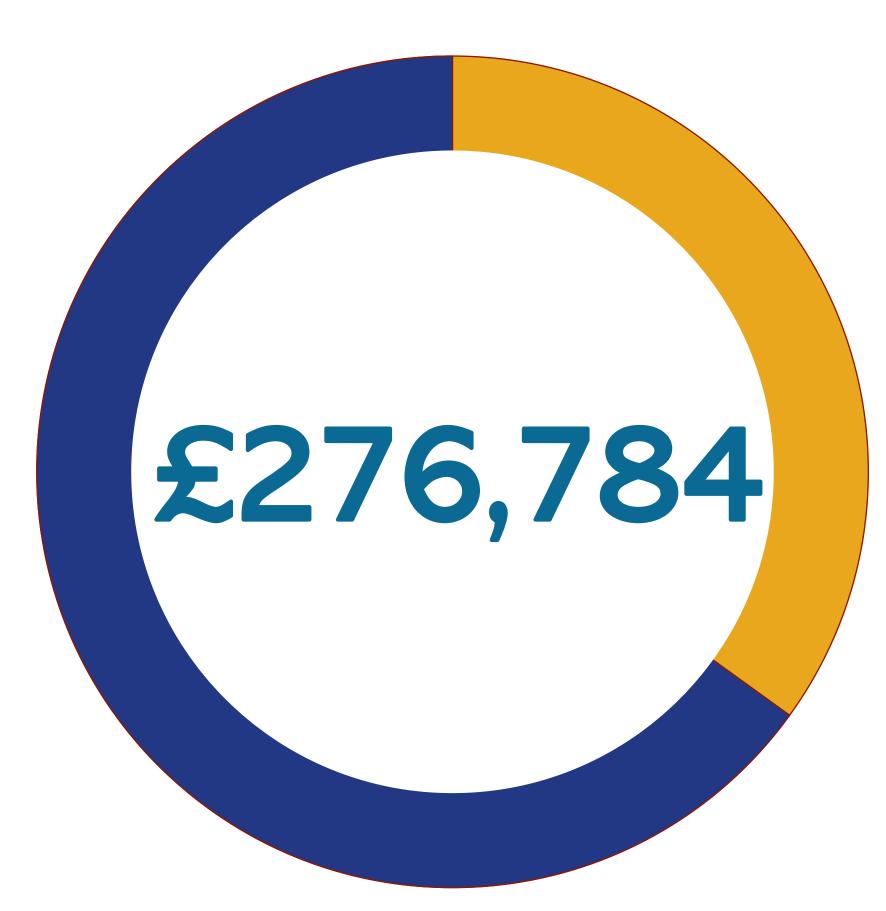




forget me not children's hospice

+ £7,500 Provincial Contribution
Funding towards the boiler replacement at the hospice in West Yorkshire





to support our secondary emergency services



'Mark Mason' bike for 12 months during the pandemic.

£62,890

Maryport Inshore Rescue in Cumbria independent lifeboat not affiliated to the R.N.L.I. but does work closely with them and other emergency services. During recent renovations they lost a mezzanine floor that they wish to rebuild. This will provide additional storage space as well as extra space for training, meetings and briefings.

Sea Palling, Norfolk. The application was initiated

by the Scarlet Cord Provincial Grand Senatus of





East Anglia.



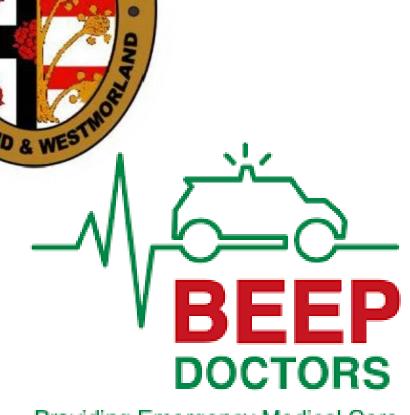






£83,500

Funding 10 mini portable scanners to assist in the diagnosis of collapsed lungs giving real time feedback to accident and emergency trauma centres via wi-fi.



Providing Emergency Medical Care







Urgent roof repairs were carried out enabling the centre in Southwick, near Brighton, to continue as a major community hub on the south coast allowing many varied organisations to use the facilities.

£45,000

To assist six local lifeboat stations, based along the Northumberland and Tyne & Wear coastline, with the repairing and replacing of the volunteer lifeboat crew's kit. The Lifeboat Stations are based at Berwick-upon-Tweed, Seahouses, Craster, Amble, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea and Blyth.









to support the Youth Sector

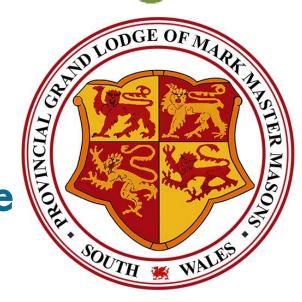




Miskin Mill Scout Village

£20,000 from the MBF + £1,000 Provincial Contribution

for the rewiring of the premises based on the River Ely at Miskin Mill, Pontyclun, South Wales.





£13,375

Based in Sheffield, Abbey Lane Football Club is a community project for boys and girls of all ages who are interested in football. The Club is self-financing and run by the parents of these children via a Committee. There are works that need doing to the new premises and funding will bring it up to date.

£2,500

Supporting two Organ Study students with an award of £250 each year to assist in the purchase of sheet music and specialist shoes for organ playing. The 'Prince Michael of Kent Prize' will run for 5 years.











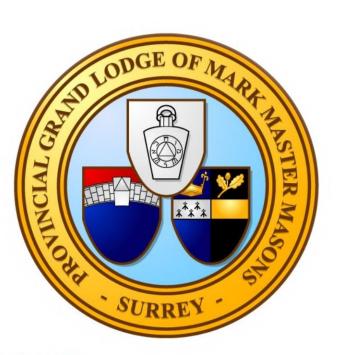


£13,860 Maidstone East

Funds to provide much needed refurbishment to showers and toilets at the Hamlet Wood Campsite near Maidstone in Kent.

£31,000

The Sunbury & Walton Sea Cadets are building a bright, modern training centre for use by sea cadets from Surrey and London together with the local community. Funding for the roof was awarded to enable the project to proceed.









for replacement of boundary fences at the Scout Hall in Burstow, giving much needed security to the hall and its contents.



£6,880





Scouts

Hertfordshire

1st Warlingham Scout Group - providing disabled access and landscaping for their Scout Hall.





farm from all over Sheffield and the surrounding areas, particularly from disadvantaged communities. Funding goes towards the cost of the refurbishment of the two children's dormitories which is greatly needed and will make the children's overnight experience so much more enjoyable, cosy and comfortable.



£25,000 from the MBF + £5,000 Provincial Contribution

Providing 125 laptops to be use by young carers and in the primary education sector in the Province.

£17,345

Funding to make much needed security upgrade at their centre in Borehamwood.







£18,500

2021 marked the 80th Anniversary of the foundation of both 350 (Carshalton & Wallington) Squadron, Air Training Corps and 350 Squadron RAF, which transferred to Belgium Air Force at the end of World War II. This visit to camp in Belgium will allow cadets learn about their strengths in a team and how to become self-sufficient adults whilst making friendships that last a lifetime.

£18,000



Colney Heath Scout Group – providing a much needed lifeline to save the Scout Hall and Group in Hertfordshire.





£12,300

The aim of the group is to encourage young people to be the best that they can be where possible will support individuals who would benefit from music, dance or drama. The new studio building is large but to accommodate the public we need to make a few changes, decorate/update our meeting rooms.





to support projects for the Elderly







£1,850

To replace older power tools with cordless models providing a much safer working environment as part of the charities 'Men's Shed Project'. They are based in Merstham, Surrey and target those men who are socially isolated or vulnerable.





£6,100

Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity Ltd

Cardiac Rehab is a Charity dedicated to helping improve Heart Health, Fitness and Wellbeing of individuals with, or at risk of developing, Heart Disease. Funding is to replace the chairs in their purpose-built Rehab Centre in Alton and a gazebo for outside events.

£2,608



NHS
George Eliot Hospital
NHS Trust

creating a purpose-built Stroke rehabilitation and Dementia Therapy garden for their inpatients in Nuneaton.







Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust is home to one of the largest Breast Services Units in the UK. Based in Charing Cross Hospital, it is recognised for its excellent clinical outcomes, renowned world-class specialists, and cutting-edge research and innovation. They are making vast improvements to the experience of staff and patients by redeveloping their reception area and multi-purpose room.









to support projects in other sectors



£9,970





Spitalfields Crypt Trust's aim is to enable people with complex needs to achieve lasting recovery and a more fulfilling life and to provide the best practical and therapeutic support for the poorest and most excluded in society. The charity purchased tablets for students to use during their sessions with SCT.



£25,000

Supporting the District of Cyprus in their efforts to help those affected by the devastating fires on the island in early 2021.





Awarded to purchase an advanced wireless paediatric Guamard five-year-old child multipurpose patient simulator which offers the best value in simulation-based resuscitation learning.





REIGATE AND BANSTEAD WOMEN'S AID

£5,530 Freedom from abuse

Providing two bespoke commercial washing machines for their refuge based in East Surrey.





MBF Major Grant

£1,286,000

In April 2021, the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund announced a Major Capital Grant to hospices to commemorate the significant contribution made to the Crown and the nation by H.R.H., The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The Grant of £1,286,000 was distributed through Mark Lodges in England & Wales who each nominated a local hospice to receive a £1,000 donation wholly funded by the M.B.F.

Of our 1,286 lodges of Mark Master Masons, 230 different charities were chosen which in turn manage the running of 273 hospices throughout England, Wales, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

The full list of Provinces and hospices is listed on the following pages.



BERKSHIRE

Thames Hospice
Sue Ryder - Nettlebed
Sue Ryder - Duchess of Kent
Florence Nightingale Hospice
Sobell House Hospice, Oxford
Sue Ryder - Palliative Care Hub
Alexander Devine Children's Hospice
Rainbow Rooms - West Berkshire Hospital, Newbury
Naomi House & Jacks Place, Wessex Children's Hospice Trust

BRISTOL

St Peter's Hospice

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Willen Hospice
Thames Hospice
South Bucks Hospice
Rennie Grove Hospice Care
Florence Nightingale Hospice

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Jersey Hospice Care Les Bourgs Hospice, Guernsey

CHESHIRE

St Ann's Hospice
East Cheshire Hospice
St John Hospice, Wirral
Beechwood Cancer Care
St. Luke's Cheshire Hospice
St Francis Children's Hospice
Hospice of the Good Shepherd
Claire House Children's Hospice
Willow Wood, Ashton-under-Lyne

CORNWALL

St Julia's Hospice
Mount Edgcumbe Hospice
Little Harbour Children's Hospice

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND

St John's Hospice
St Mary's Hospice
Eden Valley Hospice
Hospice at Home, West Cumbria
Jigsaw, Cumbria's Children's Hospice
Hospice at Home, Carlisle and North Lakeland

DERBYSHIRE

Rainbows
St Giles Hospice
Treetops Hospice
Ashgate Hospicecare
Willow Wood Hospice
Blythe House Hospice
Sue Ryder - Manorlands Hospice
Nightingale Macmillan Unit - Derby Royal Hospital

DEVONSHIRE

Rowcroft Hospice
St Luke's Hospice
Hospiscare - Exeter
North Devon Hospice

Hospiscare - Exmouth and Lympstone Children's Hospice South West - Plymouth Budleigh Salterton and District Hospiscare Children's Hospice South West, Little Bridge House, Barnstaple

DORSET

Weldmar Hospice Care Trust
Forest Holme Hospice Charity
Julia's House Children's Hospice
Macmillan Unit - Christchurch Hospital

DURHAM

Willow Burn Hospice
Gateshead Hospice at Home
St Cuthbert's Hospice, Durham
St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington
Alice House Hospice, Hartlepool
St Benedict's Hospice, Sunderland
Butterwick Hospice, Bishop Auckland
Butterwick Hospice, Stockton-on-Tees

DYFED

Marie Curie (Wales)
HAHAV, Aberystwyth
Tŷ Bryngwyn, Llanelli
Tŷ Cwmorth, Carmarthen
Shalom House, St Davids
Paul Sartori, Pembrokeshire
Skanda Vale Hospice, Lampeter
Tŷ Hafan (Wales Children's Hospice)

EAST ANGLIA

Arthur Rank Hospice
St Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich
Sue Ryder - Thorpe Hall Hospice
The Norfolk Hospices, Kings Lynn
Priscilla Bacon Norfolk Hospice Care
St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds
East Anglia's Children's Hospices - Milton
East Anglia's Children's Hospices - The Nook
Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice Support
East Anglia's Children's Hospices - The Treehouse

EAST LANCASHIRE

Willow Wood
Bolton Hospice
St Ann's Hospice
The Bury Hospice
Springhill Hospice
Pendleside Hospice
Rossendale Hospice
Dr Kershaw's Hospice
East Lancashire Hospice
Francis House Family Trust Children's Hospice



ESSEX

St Luke's Hospice Little Havens, Benfleet Havens Hospice, Southend St Francis Hospice, Havering Farleigh Hospice, Chelmsford St Helena Hospice, Colchester St Clare West Essex Hospice Care Trust Haven House Children's Hospice, Woodford

GLOUCESTERSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE

St Michael's Hospice **Shipston Home Nursing** St Peter's Hospice, Bristol **Great Oaks Hospice, Coleford Children's Hospice South West Acorn's for the Three Counties** Longfields Hospice, Minchinhampton **Sue Ryder - Leckhampton Court Hospice**

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT Julia's House **Rowans Hospice** Winchester Hospice St Wilfred's Hospice St Michael's Hospice Mountbatten, Isle of Wight Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Oakhaven Hospice, Lymington **Countess Mountbatten Hospice** Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice Macmillan Unit - Christchurch Hospital Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Andover Naomi House & Jacks Place, Wessex Children's Hospice Trust

HERTFORDSHIRE

Peace Hospice Isabel Hospice St Lukes, Harrow **Keech Hospice Care** Pepper Hospice Care Garden House Hospice Care Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted Noah's Ark - The Children's Hospice

> ISLE OF MAN Hospice IOM

> > **KENT**

ellenor Wisdom Hospice Hospice in the Weald Heart of Kent Hospice St Christopher's Hospice Pilgrims Hospice, Thanet Pilgrims Hospice, Ashford Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury **Demelza Hospice Care for Children**

Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LOROS

Dove Cottage Day Hospice Rainbows Children's Hospice

LINCOLNSHIRE

The Butterfly Hospice **Lindsey Lodge Hospice** Louth & District Hospice **Dove Cottage Day Hospice** St Andrew's Children's Hospice St Barnabas Hospice, Mablethorpe St Barnabas Hospice, Gainsborough

LONDON

Isabel Hospice St John's Hospice St Francis Hospice Winchester Hospice St Joseph's Hospice St Raphael's Hospice **Royal Trinity Hospice** Haven House Hospice North London Hospice St Christopher's Hospice St. Luke's Hospice, Harrow Noah's Ark Children's Hospice Marie Curie Hospice, Hampstead Richard House Children's Hospice Demelza House Children's Hospice Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital

MIDDLESEX

Harlington Hospice St Joseph's Hospice **Meadow House Hospice** St Luke's Hospice, Harrow North London Hospice, Finchley Marie Curie Hospice, Hampstead Shooting Star Children's Hospice Richard House Children's Hospice Michael Sobell Hospice, Mount Vernon Hospital

MONMOUTHSHIRE

Great Oaks Hospice Hospice of the Valleys Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice St David's Hospice Care, Newport St David's Hospice Care, Pontypool

NORTH & EAST YORKSHIRE

Martin House Teesside Hospice Dove House Hospice St Catherine's Hospice Herriot Hospice Homecare St Leonard's Hospice, York Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Middlesbrough



NORTH WALES

St Kentigern Hospice
Nightingale House Hospice
St David's Hospice, Anglesey
St David's Hospice, Llandudno
St David's Hospice, Havan Menai
Hope House Children's Hospices - Tŷ Gobaith

NORTHAMPTON, HUNTINGDON & BEDFORD

Keech Hospice Care
Cransley Hospice Trust
Cynthia Spencer Hospice
Bedford Daycare Hospice
Lakelands Hospice, Corby
Sue Ryder - St Johns Hospice
East Anglia's Children's Hospices
Sue Ryder - St John's, Moggerhanger
Sue Ryder - Thorpe Hall, Peterborough

NORTHUMBERLAND

St Oswald's Hospice
Tynedale Hospice at Home
Hospice Care North Northumberland
Marie Curie Hospice - Newcastle upon Tyne
Friends of Haltwhistle War Memorial Hospital

<u>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE</u>

Treetops
Nottinghamshire Hospice
John Eastwood Hospice Trust
Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice
Beaumond House Community Hospice
Bassetlaw Hospice of the Good Shepherd
Nottingham Hospitals Charity, Hayward House
Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People

<u>OXFORDSHIRE</u>

Helen and Douglas House Sobell House Hospice, Oxford Katharine House Hospice Trust Sue Ryder - Palliative Care Hub South Oxfordshire

SOMERSET

St Peter's Hospice
Weston Hospicecare
Dorothy House Hospice Care
St Margaret's Hospice Care, Yeovil
St Margaret's Hospice Care, Taunton
Childrens Hospice South West - Charlton Farm, Wraxall

SOUTH WALES

Tŷ Hafan City Hospice The Bracken Trust Marie Curie - Penarth

Tŷ Olwen Hospice, Morriston Hospital
Cwm Taf Specialist Palliative Care Services
St David's Hospice Care - Usk House, Brecon
St David's Hospice Care - Ystrad Mynach Hospital

Macmillan - Y Bwthyn Hospice, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Pontyclun Macmillan - Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend

STAFFORDSHIRE & SHROPSHIRE

St Giles Hospice
John Taylor Hospice
Severn Hospice, Telford
Katharine House Hospice
Douglas Macmillan Hospice
Compton Care, Wolverhampton
Hope House Children's Hospice
Acorns Children's Hospice, Walsall
The Donna Louise Children's Hospice
Severn Hospice, Bicton Heath Shrewsbury

SURREY

Sam Beare
St Raphael's
St Catherine's
Woking Hospice
Princess Alice Hospice
Shooting Star Children's Hospice
Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice

SUSSEX

St Michael's
St Catherine's
Chestnut Tree
Martlets Hospice
St Peter & St James
The Snowdrop Trust
St Barnabas Hospice
St Wilfrid's, Chichester
St Wilfrid's, Eastbourne
Leo House Children's Hospice
Demelza Hospice Care for Children
Hospice in the Weald - Tunbridge Wells

UNATTACHED LODGES

LOROS
Royal Trinity Hospice
North London Hospice
St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth



WARWICKSHIRE

St Giles, Whittington
Rugby Myton Hospice
Myton Hospice, Rugby
Myton Hospice, Warwick
Mary Ann Evans Hospice
The Shakespeare Hospice
Acorn's Children's Hospice
Birmingham St Mary's Hospice
Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Coventry
Marie Curie - West Midlands Hospice

WEST LANCASHIRE

St Mary's Hospice St. Ann's Hospice St Rocco's Hospice **Woodlands Hospice** Willowbrook Hospice **Queenscourt Hospice** Halton Haven Hospice St Catherine's Hospice Claire House Liverpool Wigan & Leigh Hospice St John's Hospice, Lancaster Marie Curie Hospice, Liverpool Rainbow House Children's Hub **Brian House Children's Hospice** St Joseph's Hospice Association **Derian House Children's Hospice** Francis House Children's Hospice Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Liverpool **Trinity Hospice & Palliative Care Services**

WEST YORKSHIRE

Wakefield Hospice Rotherham Hospice Prince of Wales Hospice Overgate Hospice, Elland Barnsley Hospice, Gawber St Luke's Hospice, Sheffield Marie Curie Centre, Bradford St John's Hospice, Doncaster St Michaels Hospice, Harrogate Kirkwood Hospice, Huddersfield Martins House Children's Hospice **Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice** St Gemma's Hospice, Moortown, Leeds Sue Ryder - Wheatfields Hospice, Leeds Sue Ryder - Manorlands Hospice, Keighley Forget me not Children's Hospice, Huddersfield

WILTSHIRE

Prospect Hospice
Salisbury Hospice
St Richard's Hospice
Dorothy House Hospice
Julia's House Children's Hospice

WORCESTERSHIRE

Kemp Hospice
Primrose Hospice
St Richard's Hospice
Mary Stevens Hospice
Acorns Children's Hospice, Worcester
Acorns Children's Hospice, Birmingham

£1,286,000



The Chairman of the MBF Petitions Committee writes:

'During 2021, I am pleased to be able to report that we made 19 individual grants to a total of £34,845, to provide financial support to members, their families and dependents who had fallen upon difficult times.

Regrettably, continuing implications from the Covid19 pandemic, together with the reported suggestion that everyday living costs will most probably increase as we progress into 2022, is likely to cause further financial hardship to some of our members. May I, therefore, again remind all lodge Almoners and Provincial Almoners that the MBF is here to consider support to any with a Mark connection that might need our assistance.

To those Provinces that have not previously submitted an application please consider doing so. We are here to assist you with any suitable application needing support.'

R.W.Bro. H. Keith Emmerson, Past Deputy Grand Master MBF Trustee and Chairman of the Petitions Committee





These grants were made to those who needed help with day to day living expenses, new kitchen equipment, heating appliances and home furnishings.

In some cases debt repayment was preferable to release much need capital back into the household.



The figure includes £6,000 made in emergency grants. These grants provide immediate assistance whilst the Petitions Committee waits for further information to assist in making fully informed decisions.

Many Mark Master Masons, their dependants, other family members and friends have ultimately benefitted from much needed relief and peace of mind that these grants have provided.



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