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Insurance Charities Awareness Week

This year's Insurance Charities Awareness Week is taking place between 19-23 June. We're inviting all insurance employers, regardless of size, in the UK and Ireland to participate. You will receive a complimentary display box for your office filled with items to raise awareness of our charity among your staff.

Our 2016 awareness week was a great success. We reached over 30,000 people working in insurance in over 225 offices. This year we want to reach even more people.

WHEN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS WE CAN BE YOUR LIFELINE



Cork Institute and Shield

We were delighted recently to award the Insurance Institute of Cork the Centenary Charity Shield. Adrienne O'Sullivan, Immediate Past President of The Insurance Charities (DAS), presented the shield to Brian McMahon, President of the Insurance Institute of Cork (MBC Insurance), and Paul Kavanagh, Vice President of the Insurance Institute of Cork (McCarthy Insurance Group).

Brian McMahon said:

"It was a great honour for the Insurance Institute of Cork to accept the Centenary Charity Shield. It is recognition of the outstanding support from our members locally to assist the work of The Insurance Charities and those individuals that need our support."



The photo shows from left to right Brian McMahon, Adrienne O'Sullivan and Paul Kavanagh.

The Insurance Charities Golf Day Sign up now



Join us for a great day of golf with colleagues from the insurance world. This year's Golf Day will take place on the 12 September at the Collingtree Park Golf Club in Northampton. The 18 hole, par 72 course is a European Tour venue and is described as 'a unique and testing course that will challenge any handicap'.

Visit our website for the full details
www.theinsurancecharities.org.uk



We have been sending out Gift Aid envelopes to local insurance institutes around the UK for their Annual Dinners. We would like to thank all the institutes in the UK and Ireland for fundraising and raising awareness of the help and support we can provide to insurance employees.

Case Study



Lou has had health problems for some time which often mean she needs to take time off from work without pay. She worked in insurance prior to the birth of her children and returned after her divorce. Maintenance was agreed through the courts but Lou was still finding it difficult to manage. Her elderly parents were able to give some help but Lou turned to us for help with budgeting and to see if we could help her get back on track.

The financial strain Lou was under made it more difficult for her to manage her health problems and Lou was struggling to see any way forward. She was particularly concerned that her children could not participate in a modest school trip as no



support was available from the school and she had limited resources. We referred her to a specialist money advice charity, provided help with some of the costs she incurs due to her medical condition and enabled her children to join the school trip. This has given her confidence to believe that, moving forward, things can be much brighter for her and her family.

Governance Update



The review of the Charity's governance is progressing with Ken Davidson, LLB (Hons),

ACII, ACI Arb, former President of The Chartered Insurance Institute, having been elected as Chairman of the Board.

With the aim of ensuring that the Charity continues to be fit for purpose and follows best practice guidelines

the new, reduced sized Board is pressing on with looking at all aspects of the Charity's operations. Following a review of a recent skills audit there will be an opportunity for others, actively involved in the industry, to bring their talents and experience to the table to benefit the Charity and the many hundreds of individuals and families it supports either through independent advisory roles or by joining the Charity's Board.

Christmas hampers



Each Christmas we send hampers to those who are in receipt of regular help from us as well as others who are in need of support over the festive season. This Christmas the hampers included napkins, crackers and a jigsaw puzzle. Those living in retirement homes received toiletries and some seasonal sweet and savoury treats.

For people who are already struggling financially, Christmas can be an additionally stressful time of year. Our parcels are a reflection of our support and our way of brightening up some very difficult situations.

Where you can find us this year

We'll be at BIBA, AIRMIC and the Birmingham Insurance Institute Annual Conference this year. If you have an event and you would like us to be there get in touch: marketing@theinsurancecharities.org.uk. We can provide information about The Insurance Charities and the support and help we can offer.

2016 in figures

We gave out over **£1.2 million** of help to current and former insurance employees and their dependants across the UK and Ireland.

We received **£119,124** in fundraising from local institutes.

We sent out nearly **300 hampers** to our beneficiaries.

Our awareness week reached over **30,000** people working in insurance in over **225** offices.

Our largest single payment was **£45,000** to pay for specialist medical treatment not available on the NHS.

Our smallest single payment was **£26** to help with hardship.

We awarded **£1,225,174.48**. Some of the things this money was spent on were **53** children's activities, **10** washing machines, **4** pairs of glasses, **3** funerals and **2** wigs.

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