

KINSHIP NEWS

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Keeping families together

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BIG LOTTERY 10th BIRTHDAY



We would like to say a big **T H A N K YOU** to everyone at the Big Lottery Fund for selecting

Kinship Care NI as one of ten organisations to receive a cash award as part of their 10th Birthday Celebrations. We were absolutely delighted to be told that we had received a total of 101 nominations and we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who nominated us. We were delighted to receive

£10,000 for our 'Me and My Family' Project which will allow us to develop a story book for children in kinship care so they can understand their family situation better. To find out more about the Project and how you can get involved contact Leona on 028 71373731.



DVD LAUNCH

Team Kinship Care walked 52 miles from Derry/Londonderry to Coleraine via Ballymoney to raise awareness of kinship care and launch our 'Keeping Families Together' DVD. Thanks to everyone for supporting us along the way, especially the Mayor of Derry Brenda Stevenson, the Mayor of Antrim Brian Graham and the Mayor of Coleraine George Duddy.



Are you a grandparent raising your grandchildren?

Kinship Care NI run **KIN TOGETHER** Support Groups for kinship carers in Derry/Londonderry, Belfast, Larne, Cookstown, Draperstown, Magherafelt and Antrim

For more information contact us free on **0800 022 3129**



Christmas Celebrations @ Kinship Care NI

Christmas Party @ Cafe Soul



Christmas Coffee Morning

Decorating Christmas Tree

Making Christmas Cards



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Grandparents Day



With over 14 million grandparents in the UK and a growing number of grandparents now raising their grandchildren, we held a Grandparents Day as a way of recognising the role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. Staff and volunteers were out and about across Northern Ireland handing out lots of goodies to grandparents and their grandchildren. 'Kuddles' the Kinship Care Bear was also there to lend a paw. We would like to thank all our volunteers for making the day a huge success and a special thank you to staff and customers as Quayside Shopping Centre, Asda in Antrim and Meadowlane Shopping Centre.



CHARLENE



ROISIN

Welcome aboard our new staff members Charlene and Roisin!

Making Ends Meet

Team Kinship Care done us and themselves proud by raising awareness of kinship care and our work and the services we provide to kinship carers and their children in Northern Ireland. 52 miles in 2 days resulted in lots of sore feet but plenty of fun and laughter. If you would like to find out more about Team Kinship Care or how you can get involved in events, contact Leann on 028 71373731.

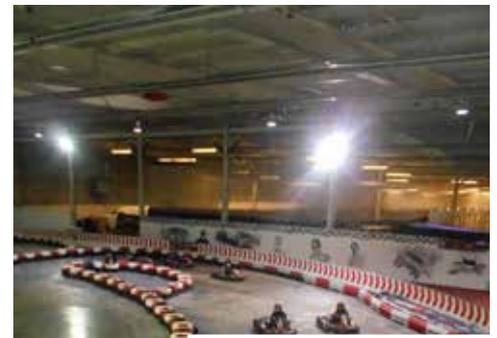


Tea Party

Kinship carers and their children organised a 'Big Kinship Care Tea Party' in our Kinship Care Support Service in Derry/Londonderry. This was an opportunity to thank everyone for their support and to celebrate with children their achievements over the last year. It was also an opportunity for kinship carers and their families to celebrate their achievements over the last year and an opportunity to say farewell to Team Kinship Care as they set off on their 52 mile walk.

Go-Karting

Children and young people had the best time ever at the Campsie Go-Karting Centre. Lots of new friendships were made between young people in kinship care.



Kids Farm



Big thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Toy Appeal for children in kinship care. 121 children received a donation of toys and we are extremely grateful to everyone for making Christmas special for children in kinship care. Thank you also to Café Soul, Bronagh Jackson Dance Company, The Millennium Forum, Stepping Stones Nursery, Allstate NI, Strabane Community Project, Londonderry Rotary Club, Salvation Army and Tesco's Quayside for supporting our work with children in kinship care over the Christmas period.

For information on how you can make a donation contact us on 028 71373731.



Kidz Farm brought their animals to our Kinship Care Support Service in Derry/Londonderry to meet children in kinship care.



Ulster American Folk Park



Great day out and huge thank you to staff at the Ulster American Folk Park for having us!



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