

Welcome to Southend in Sight's Winter edition of Fundraising News.



Our Community Fundraising has been very successful this quarter, with several local groups and individuals supporting us. The Southend Lions very kindly donated £500 to help cover the cost of our children's event at the local climbing and bouldering wall at half term. 12 families and 6 young adults joined us at Indirock in Southend for a fun evening trying out an exciting new activity.

The photo shows Southend Lions President Dave Tame, Lucy Martin and Lion member Councillor Nigel Folkard holding a giant cheque.



We are very grateful once again to Lauren and Leia Kinch for raising £1,257 for us at a recent quiz night they organised. They are pictured here with their very proud Uncle Graham at a recent visit to our Centre. The girls were raising money in memory of their Aunt, Kath Kinch, our lovely colleague and friend who sadly passed away two years ago now.

They were keen to follow in her footsteps and fundraise to support the local community. Congratulations and thank you to Lauren and Leia for organising another successful event.

For our fundraising Chinese meal at Zen City in November, we were supported by a number of local businesses in the form of vouchers for our raffle, helping us reach our £1000 target. Our thanks to Halo Hairdressers, Sixteen Hair, Olive's Café and Answer Café for donating prizes and to the staff at Venthams Accountants for attending the event and helping make it so successful.



As we go to print, our charity shop will be getting ready for the annual Christmas pop-up event on Saturday 2nd December. This is a firm favourite in the calendar, with even more of our now famous gift baskets, as well as the usual one-off decorations, Christmas jumpers, trees, lights and toys. We are hoping that Santa and his elves will once again make an appearance, as per last year, pictured to the left.

Our charity shop itself has enjoyed a surge in sales over the last few months, and despite being shut for essential building work in the summer, is not far off target for the year. This is thanks in large part to

the drive of our Shop Manager Lois and her fabulous volunteers, all helping to sort, price and sell donations.

Don't forget, if you can spare £5 a month, you could join our Diamond Club and help support our work. We can also offer talks to any group or organisation that wishes to hear about our charity. For more information on this and any other fundraising enquiries, please call **Catherine Hodgson** or **Liz Payne** on **01702 34 21 31**.

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