



Celebrating 25 years

Annual Review

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

Friends of the Family



In June, over 100 guests attended a garden party at the Deane House, Sparsholt, in support of The Great Get Together and raised £1,300 for Friends of the Family.

Friends of the Family teamed up with Young Carers for a parent workshop in June. The workshop, titled 'Keep calm and set boundaries', was led by parenting expert Lorraine Lee.



In September, TSB Winchester announced that we were their chosen charity partner for the second year running and presented us with a cheque for over £500. The team are undertaking fundraising activities on our behalf throughout the year.



Mums and Young Children



Father Christmas made a surprise visit to the Mums and Young Children Christmas party in December.

In January, volunteer play workers attended a thank you lunch, organised by the Mums and Young Children group, at El Sabio restaurant in Winchester.



Support for Dads



Our Support for Dads service ran the Dads Aloud group each month at the Salvation Army Hall. The group gives dads the opportunity to get together with their children and support each other.



Support for Dads ran over 300 counselling sessions to clients at Winchester prison and Friends of the Family during the year. The group also went on a summer outing to Marwell Zoo.



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In March, the Mums and Young Children group organised an Easter Egg Hunt in the Meeting House garden. The children had fun hunting for the eggs that the Easter Bunny had left before leaving for their two week break.



In May, Mums and Young Children visited Finkley Down Farm for a day of hands on activities learning about animals.



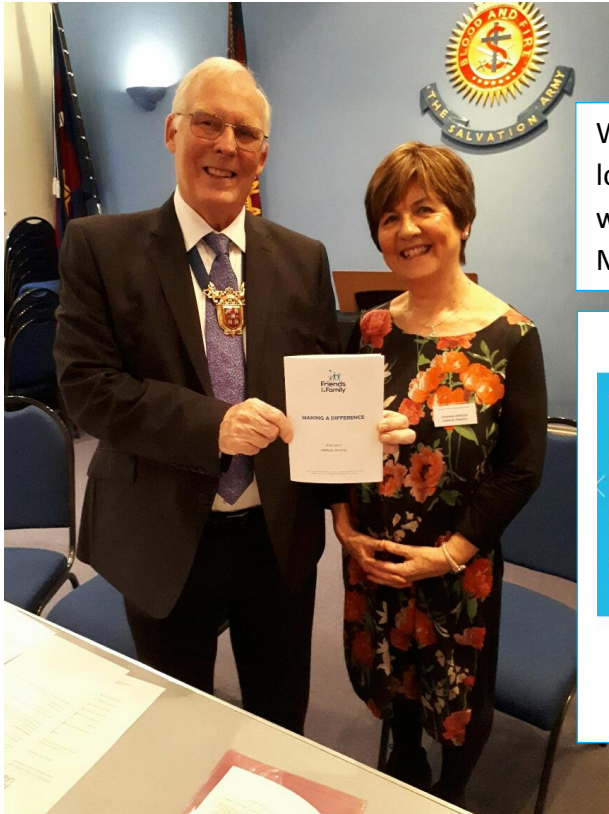
A special Celebration Breakfast was held in November for the mums who attend the Mums and Young Children group. The event celebrated all the mums' achievements throughout the year.

In November, we held safeguarding training which was well attended by volunteer play workers, befrienders and trustees.

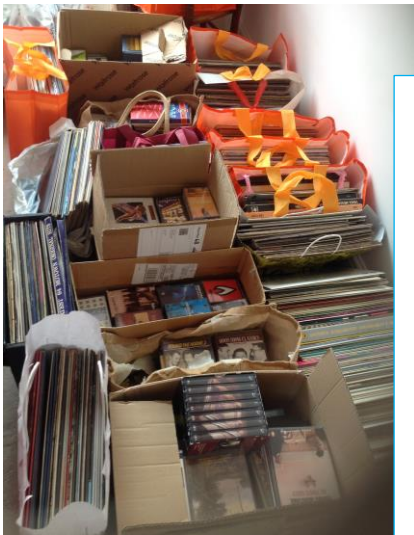
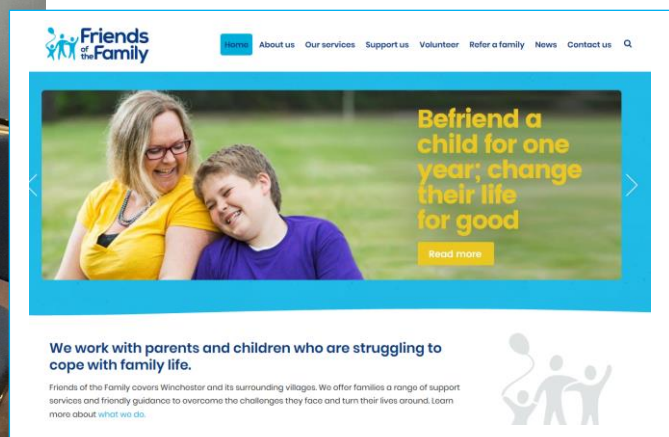


Friends of the Family

In October, Friends of the Family was delighted to welcome HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson Esq, who was visiting to find out more about our work supporting vulnerable families across Winchester.



We launched our new website and logo at our AGM in November 2017 which was attended by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Frank Pearson.



We held fundraising events throughout the year including a quiz night, a table-top sale and a garden opening. We also launched our vinyl records campaign and have received hundreds of donations of unwanted records and cassettes.



We rounded off 2017 with fundraising at the Winchester Christmas Market where we sold home-made cakes, biscuits and lots of Christmas goodies!

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5s to 13s Befriending



Our 5s to 13s Befriending Service held three training sessions during the year and trained 14 new volunteers.



Volunteers were invited to regular volunteer get-togethers where they were able to share their befriending experiences and offer advice and support to each other in the role.



In June, we held our annual volunteer thank you lunch for all our 5s to 13s befrienders. The lunch took place at Zizzi's in Winchester during National Volunteering Week.

5s to 13s Befriending



Four after school workshops were held to enable the children to try new activities and get together with other children receiving the support of a befriender.



In August, 5s to 13s Befriending headed to Calshot for their Annual Activity Day. The children were encouraged to take on new challenges and try new experiences. Activities included ringos, the giant swing and low-wall rock climbing.



Families, children and volunteer befrienders enjoyed a wonderful circus-themed Christmas party in December. The children were entertained by Juggling Jake and each received a present, generously provided by the Salvation Army congregation.



Thank you!

We wouldn't be here without your support.

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