

Foundation Focus



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Welcome to the latest edition

Happy New Year! We are starting 2016 by highlighting a number of upcoming fundraising events, including Wardrobe Relief, Vertical Rush, London Marathon and Ride London.

If you are interested in participating in any of these or would like more information please contact myself or your Foundation Rep.

As always, if you have anything that you would like included in next month's issue, please let us know by contacting one of the team. You can email me at Sarah.Worster@berkeleyfoundation.org.uk

Sarah Worster, Charity Administrator



2015 Prudential Ride London 100



Your rep in...

St James

Q. Why did you decide to become a Foundation Rep?

A. I participated in the Production Managers programme with St James and Matt Higgs, MD for St James Nine Elms, asked me to become involved with the Berkeley Foundation during this time. I then took on the role of the Foundation Rep for Nine Elms and Vauxhall.

Q. What has been your most memorable moment?

A. In October 2013, HRH Princess Anne opened a new stable block at Vauxhall City Farm, which was funded with a grant from the National Lottery and Sport England. Myself and Matt Higgs attended on behalf of St James to see a demonstration of the staff with the disabled children they give riding lessons to, and had the honor and privilege of meeting her.

Q. What's your best advice for a new Rep?

A. Spend some time getting to know your Designated Charity and those who work there, and understand their needs and expansion plans for the future. Sometimes a small task can make a massive difference to them. We fixed the security floodlighting to the front entrance of the Farm and this made a huge difference to how safe the staff and children felt on dark winter evenings, which was not a particularly difficult task to achieve.

Helen Finlay

Technical Manager

Designated Charity:
Vauxhall City Farm



Q. Tell us something we wouldn't know about you?

A. I play the Celtic harp which keeps me close to my roots as I love traditional Irish music!



HRH The Princess Royal visiting Vauxhall City Farm



Headstart London

The Berkeley Group has signed up as the construction industry partner for Headstart London, an initiative run by the GLA and The Challenge. The Berkeley Foundation has made a grant of £50,000 towards the programme, which aims to give young Londoners an insight into the world of work. This year, 90 young people will take part in workshops and assessment centres at Berkeley, with activities ranging from designing a marketing campaign for a Berkeley development, to building model towers out of straws and egg boxes. 15 of the best young people will be placed in Berkeley offices for a week of paid work experience – keep your eyes open for them and make them feel welcome.

On the 18th December 2015, St George held a Christmas Jumper Day with staff from across the Division wearing festive clothing to work and donating £2 to their Designated Charity, Muscular Dystrophy UK.

Muscular Dystrophy UK supports people with rare progressive muscle-weakening and wasting conditions, affecting 70,000 children and adults in the UK. The charity undertakes medical research to prevent and treat muscular dystrophy, as well as providing support and services to people living with the disease and their families.

The Christmas Jumper Day raised £256, which will be match-funded by Berkeley Group, with the matched funds going to the Foundation. This enables the Foundation to distribute these funds to other charities and worthy causes.



Imperial Wharf



Twickenham



What's On? Event Calendar 2016

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| January | |
| 29th | BH North East London Decorating Providence Row |
| February | |
| 9th | BH North East London English Class Assistance |
| 14th | Wardrobe Relief |
| March | |
| 3rd | BH North East London Lunch with Us |
| 4th | St George Rugby 7s Tournament |
| 8th | Vertical Rush |
| 10th | BH Capital Question of Sport Dinner |
| April | |
| 3rd | BH Oxford & Chiltern Reading Half Marathon |
| 12th | BH North East London English Class Assistance |
| 23rd | BH Eastern Counties Toughest (8km Obstacle Course) |
| 24th | Virgin Money London Marathon |
| May | |
| 6th | BH North East London Lunch with Us |
| 20th | BH North East London Decorating Providence Row |
| June | |
| 14th | BH North East London English Class Assistance |
| 24th | BH South East London Golf Day |
| July | |
| 7th | BH North East London Lunch with Us |
| 31st | Prudential Ride London 100 |
| Monthly | St George One Blackfriars Baking Competition |



Stamps for the RNIB

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) is the leading sight loss charity and one way they can raise money is through the donation of stamps.

Next time you receive a letter why not keep the stamp and send to the RNIB. Stamps cannot be damaged and they recommend leaving 1cm of envelope around the stamp. Please separate your stamps into British, Overseas, and Gold and White stamps (from parcels).

Stamps can be sent to RNIB, PO Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9XT.

During 2014/15, the RNIB raised £21,458 from stamp donations and have set themselves a target of £25,000 for this financial year.

Want to know more?

Get in touch with your Foundation Rep

Find out who your Rep is by visiting our website www.berkeleyfoundation.org.uk/get-involved and click on 'About Us' to find the Foundation Reps List.