

Raising funds for worthy causes related to the Events Industry

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Who are we?

Meeting Needs is a registered charity founded by leading figures in the UK conference and events Industry. The objective of Meeting Needs is to raise funds for worthy causes relevant to the events industry. We are proud of the way that we have united the Meetings, Incentive, Conference and Events industry behind a common cause.



What do we do?

- Raise funds for worthy causes in the UK and Overseas
- Relieve poverty, hardship & distress through tangible support directly to those in need
- Support smaller charities with limited access to alternative funding

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Recent Beneficiaries • •

- Happy Days: £5000 to provide day trips for more than 200 children and young people with special needs living in poor socio-economic conditions in the UK.
- Clowns Without Borders: £4952 to provide respite, laughter and joy to children living in the Za'atari refugee camp in Jordan.
- Keen: £1250 to provide materials to support high quality art workshops for the disabled community of Oxford which will translate into sustainable work and income through sales of the created products.
- JAFUTA: £5000 to provide materials to build a pump for an existing well, providing a regular supply of clean water to the community.
- And more...





Street Children Iringa

Street Children Iringa is a very small UK registered charity supporting a home for Street Children in Iringa, Tanzania, homing 11 children and youths who have spent most of their lives before this home living on the streets.

The home was set up by Street Children Iringa's founder, Letty, in 2016 when she received permission by the council and social welfare office to become the legal guardian of these children and raise them in a home.

The grant made by Meeting Needs was used to purchase two Tuk Tuks that are used to generate income for the home through a taxi service. Since purchasing the two Tuk Tuks in March and May 2019, they have generated nearly £3,000 of additional income from the home. This has allowed them to take in two more street children, Fred and Eliah, who are now studying at local primary schools.

The project also supported 12 year old Samsung, his mother and younger brother with monthly food donations to keep Samsung from going to the streets in search of food. He has now received straight A's at primary school and been accepted to a well-respected secondary school. The funding generated by the tuk tuks will go toward supporting his tuition fees.

The money raised by the tuk tuks will also support 11 year old Phillipo who lives with his grandmother in a single room mud hut. With no source of income, Phillipo was regularly working on the streets. Street Children Iringa is now supporting him with monthly food and educational support.

For more details, please see the Street Children Iringa newsletter.





Happy Days

Happy Days is a UK based charity providing holidays, residential trips, day trips and visiting theatre performances for children & young people who have disabilities or life limiting conditions.

Meeting Needs provided a grant to fund day trips for children with special needs living in poor socio-economic conditions. 430 children from areas throughout the UK including Lichfield, South Shields, Sheffield, Wakefield, and Belfast enjoyed day trips and experiences that will support development of their sensory awareness and improve social skills, in addition to being fun and exciting days out. The day trips included visits to:

- Drayton Manor theme park
- •Flamingo Land
- Cannon Hall Farm
- Barnsley
- •Tropical Butterfly House
- •The Theatre Royal to see "Jack and the Beanstalk"

For more details, please see the <u>Happy Days website</u>.





Buses4Homeless

Buses4Homeless is a UK based charity creating a low cost, holistic solution to homelessness. Using refurbished, decommissioned buses, Buses4Homeless creates spaces for Eating, Sleeping Wellbeing and Learning in order to re-engage homeless people back into the community.

Meeting Needs provided a grant that went toward the project.
Buses4Homeless now has a permanent location in London offering a 3 month programme for homeless people to help them find employment and stability.

The project makes use of double decker buses that are no longer emissions compliant or have been decommissioned, saving them from the scrap heap and repurposing them as spaces for the community. The vehicles were converted by a formerly homeless designer with the paid help of six people living on the streets.

For more details, please see the Buses4Homeless website.





Champion Chanzige

Champion Chanzige is a small charity founded in 2013 that supports primary schools in rural Southern Tanzania. The schools are underfunded and oversubscribed, often lacking necessary basics like paper, pens and electricity.

Champion Chanzige works to make small and sustainable changes to the educational environment for the students, including renovating buildings, providing resources and delivering additional ecological workshops to teach students skills and create additional income.

Meeting Needs has provided funding to purchase computers for a community learning centre, a rainwater harvesting system, furniture for a community learning centre, school renovations, and materials to build chicken farms that will provide students the opportunity to learn animal husbandry and to earn income for the school from the chicken eggs.

For more details, please see the <u>Champion Chanzige website</u>.



What Can You Do? . .

- Become a Charity Partner for an annual donation of £600
- Join the Donate to Visit Initiative
- Participate in one of our fundraisers (Royal Parks Half Marathon, etc)
- Create your own fundraiser
- Donate a prize to our auction
- Persuade your suppliers/clients to support Meeting Needs
- Suggest a project you'd like to champion
- Engage with us on social media



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