



RANGERS
CHARITY
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL
REVIEW **17|18**



A FORCE FOR GOOD

WELCOME

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you as we celebrate a remarkable year in the work of the Rangers Charity Foundation. Our core mission is to be a force for good on behalf of the Rangers Family, showing compassion to those in need, tackling inequalities and creating opportunities for people of all ages to change their lives for the better. It is a powerful mission - one which everyone at the Foundation is dedicated to delivering upon - and I am delighted to celebrate just some of our achievements over the past year.

There is no doubt that during the 2017/2018 financial year, the Foundation's ability to make a powerful difference for people was stronger than ever. We delivered a diverse range of over 20 community programmes to almost 6,000 people (a 20% increase on the previous year), responded to an unprecedented number of requests for support, created the Rangers Charity Dream Fund, established a new Diversity and Inclusion Working Group across the Club and Foundation, became an SQA accredited centre and honoured our pledges to our local, national and international charity partners.

Helping people towards the dignity and reward of employment is a growing priority for us. As a newly approved SQA accredited centre, the Foundation now provides a range of tailored employability programmes where the achievement of nationally recognised qualifications comes as standard.

Young people matter to us too and we are delighted to have teamed up with Govan High School to employ our first Community Hub

Officer based at the school. We also deliver a free activity session for 8 to 18 year olds every Friday night at the Ibrox Community Complex with football, badminton and dance all on offer.

Providing a personal touch is important and this extends to the support we provided to a record number of enquiries received from people in their communities across the country for prizes for charity events, words of encouragement and morale boosting visits and experiences. 3,350 requests were received (19% more than last year and 33% more than the year before) and we provided a generous and positive response to a remarkable 89% of them.

Our charity partnership approach to making direct financial donations remains a cornerstone of the Foundation's work. As well as donating £112,000 to our official local, national and international charity partners we were proud to shine a light on some fantastic causes and to champion the needs of the most vulnerable in our society.

The generosity of our supporters remains second to none and without their passion for what we do, our ability to make a difference would be immeasurably diminished. I would like to pay tribute to their fantastic support and that of our many funders, partners, together with the players and staff at Rangers Football Club for enabling our unique Foundation to thrive.

Thank you and I hope you feel inspired about the work of the Rangers Charity Foundation as you read our Annual Review.



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Connal Cochrane
Director
Rangers Charity Foundation

£263,153

WORTH OF IN KIND SUPPORT
DELIVERED IN 2017/18



EMPLOYABILITY

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The Rangers Charity Foundation is a trusted and leading provider of programmes which help to break down barriers faced by those looking to achieve and sustain meaningful employment.

In August 2017 the Foundation achieved SQA Approved Centre Status meaning we have been able to deliver new employability courses and develop existing ones. As a result, participants gain recognised qualifications, greater skills and experiences and enhanced CVs making them more employable.

Courses such as Coach For Success and Coach For Tomorrow work with senior school pupils with an interest in working in sport throughout the year, while Get Started With Football allows us to engage 16-24 year olds not in education on an intensive week long course.

Our Ready For Employment course saw just under 95% of participants receive an SQA award and our Ready To Succeed course, for 16 and 17 year olds facing major barriers to employment, combined 120 hours of teaching with work experience at our partners including Ibrox Primary School, Go Glasgow Urban Hotel and Football In The Community.



DARREN MCKELVIE

Darren McKelvie had a new baby on the way and few job prospects after spending years unemployed when he signed up for our Ready For Employment course late last year.

But Darren is now looking forward to a brighter future with his partner and baby son, having secured a job locally with social enterprise company Spruce Carpets.

The six week course saw Darren gain an SQA qualification, first aid certificate and work experience with our local partners. He also got help with his CV, job searches and applications and interview techniques.

"I love it. I've not had a job in years but now I'm measuring and cutting carpets and helping in the warehouse with the forklift. I'm going to start going out with the carpet fitters and learn that too."

12 WEEKS

OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IS PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO COMPLETE OUR READY TO SUCCEED COURSE



EDUCATION

EMPOWERING A GENERATION

Every year we work with local primary and secondary schools reaching thousands of young people, providing them with the opportunity to learn, grow in confidence, have fun and get fit.

At Ibrox Stadium, the Ibrox Community Hub, run in partnership with Glasgow City Council, is our home for the delivery of much of our classroom work focussing on healthy living, journalism, computer gaming and web design.

Since January the Foundation has also employed a full-time Community Hub Officer at Govan High School. Funded in partnership between the Foundation and the School, the officer supports school staff in raising attainment across all year groups, improving the

transition process from primary to high school and making sure the young people have the best possible chance to succeed in whatever they do beyond school. Also based at Govan High is our School of Football programme. It uses daily football coaching to engage with S1-S2 pupils to aid their development in school.

Elsewhere, our team of community coaches directly deliver programmes to other schools including Get Ready for Sport which offers P2 pupils an early introduction to different sports, +Sport Move and Learn which is delivered to 1,800 pupils in 29 schools and our Tobacco and Young People programme for pupils in P5-7.



SCOTT SMITH

As Community Hub Officer, Scott engages with pupils across all year groups at Govan High School.

Working alongside teachers and support staff, Scott has implemented alternative approaches to engage with pupils within the school who are not currently engaging. This includes using the Ibrox Community Hub to remove the barriers of the classroom by providing pupils with a different environment to learn in, acting as a mentor and first point of contact on a school day for selected pupils and delivering sports and classroom based sessions for them.

Within Govan High School's feeder primaries Scott has been working to support the transition of P7 pupils into high school by covering key issues with them such as the differences between primary and high school, cyber-bullying and school values. He has also arranged a number of sports sessions (including during the Easter and Summer holidays) working on communication and team-building skills which are transferable from the sports field into the classroom.



1,814 THE NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO LEARNED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A HEALTHY DIET AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLE THROUGH OUR +SPORT MOVE AND LEARN PROGRAMME



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

HELPING TO CHANGE LIVES

The Foundation's health and wellbeing programmes work with people of all ages. In primary schools our Tobacco and Young People, Get Ready For Sport and +Sport Move and Learn programmes teach pupils about the dangers of smoking and the benefits of healthy eating and exercise.

Walking Football provides an opportunity for those over 50 to keep active and socialise by playing an adapted version of the game they love. Our Ibrox Community Hub is home to our Football Memories programme which helps to improve the lives of football fans with dementia by using memorabilia to aid recall as well as providing respite for carers.

Our Glasgow Veterans United (GVU) programme also meets there, as do our Recovery with Rangers programmes. GVU provides a safe space for veterans struggling with mental health issues, addictions or social isolation and the programme helps channel their energy into exercise through football coaching, which sees them learn the skills to sit their SFA Level 1 coaching exam.

Recovery With Rangers encourages participants, who are recovering addicts, to take part in a number of workshops in relation to drugs, alcohol, diet, healthy eating and money matters which helps them move in positive directions towards volunteering, further education, training and employment.



DAVID KIRKWOOD

David is a brilliant example of how we are making a difference to the health of our supporters. In just 12 weeks, he lost an incredible 3 1/2 stone on our Football Fans in Training Course. He also lost 25cm from his waist and had to treat himself to a whole new wardrobe as a result.

Football Fans in Training, which is funded by the Scottish Government via the SPFL Trust, saw 166 men and women attend weekly training sessions at Ibrox

Having been overweight for around 25 years, David signed up for the course thanks to the incentive of getting exclusive access to the home of his favourite team each week.

"Doing the training with the boys, it's fantastic, you couldn't beat it," he said. "We've gone through education about what to eat and what not to eat. Portion size was a big thing for me. If anyone said 'Do you want more?' I always said 'Yes!'"

"I'd say for about 25 years I've never been under 20 stone. Now I've had to throw away my whole wardrobe!"



SCOTLAND'S MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SPORT, AILEEN CAMPBELL MSP, VISITED OUR NEW GET READY FOR SPORT PROGRAMME AT CRAIGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL IN GOVAN.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

A FOUNDATION FOR ALL

At the Rangers Charity Foundation we believe every single person should be made to feel welcome, have access to our programmes and events.

The Foundation has launched a new football programme for children aged between nine and 12 who are autistic. The youngsters take part in 90 minute training sessions once a month at the Hummel Training Centre with Rangers community coaches, who have undergone autism awareness training from our National Charity Partner Scottish Autism. We have also added a football programme for young people who are blind and visually impaired. Players of all abilities attend for coaching and small sided games every second Sunday.

We continue to run our Old Firm Alliance programme which uses football as a vehicle to reach young people and talk about social issues, healthy lifestyles, drug awareness, anti-social behaviour, crime reduction and community development.

Our free Friday Night Activities at the Ibrox Community Complex include football, badminton and dance providing something structured for those aged 8-18 to do on Friday evenings from 6-8pm. Our community coaches ensure it is a safe environment where young people can improve their fitness and make new friends in their community.

Meanwhile, on November 29 at the Rangers match against Aberdeen at Ibrox the Foundation arranged for the Club to show support for the LGBT+ community by taking part in the Stonewall Rainbow Laces campaign. Earlier in the season the Foundation facilitated a session with Stonewall Scotland at the Hummel Training Centre where they gave presentations to both the first team and Under 17 squads.



EDDIE KIRKWOOD

In November the Foundation donated £1,000 to Eddie Kirkwood, an inspirational Rangers fan fundraising for his Glasgow based powerchair football club.

Eddie, who has Cerebral Palsy and uses a wheelchair, set up the Glasgow Gladiators Powerchair Football Club in 2016 and fundraises to buy specialist equipment, including chairs which cost in the region of £5,000.

The Foundation made the donation in recognition of Eddie's community work which sees him spend up to eight hours a day volunteering as a litter picker in Glasgow.

His story was picked up by ITV News and a number of Rangers fans made additional donations to his fundraising.



EMPLOYEES FROM THE FOUNDATION AND THE CLUB PARTICIPATED IN THE PRIDE GLASGOW PARADE IN JULY



RANGERS CHARITY DREAM FUND

BRINGING SMILES TO THE FACES OF THOSE IN NEED OF A BOOST

On Saturday 19 May 2018 the Foundation organised a magical dream wedding at Ibrox for two Rangers fans who have been diagnosed with terminal illnesses.

William Brand and Jeannie Millan could not afford to get married due to the cost of paying for medicine to be shipped from America for William's motor neurone disease.

Jeannie, who has heart failure as a result of having chemotherapy to combat leukaemia, originally contacted the Foundation to ask for a donation to help pay for William's medication and was given a signed ball which was raffled off and raised £400. But as we found out more about the couple's story, we decided to try and help fulfil their wish to be married at Ibrox.

The Foundation paid for the intimate ceremony, buffet meal, evening reception and arranged for a photographer and videographer to capture the Dunbartonshire couple's big day.

"It was fantastic," Jeannie commented. "More than a dream come true. We couldn't have asked for it to be any better.

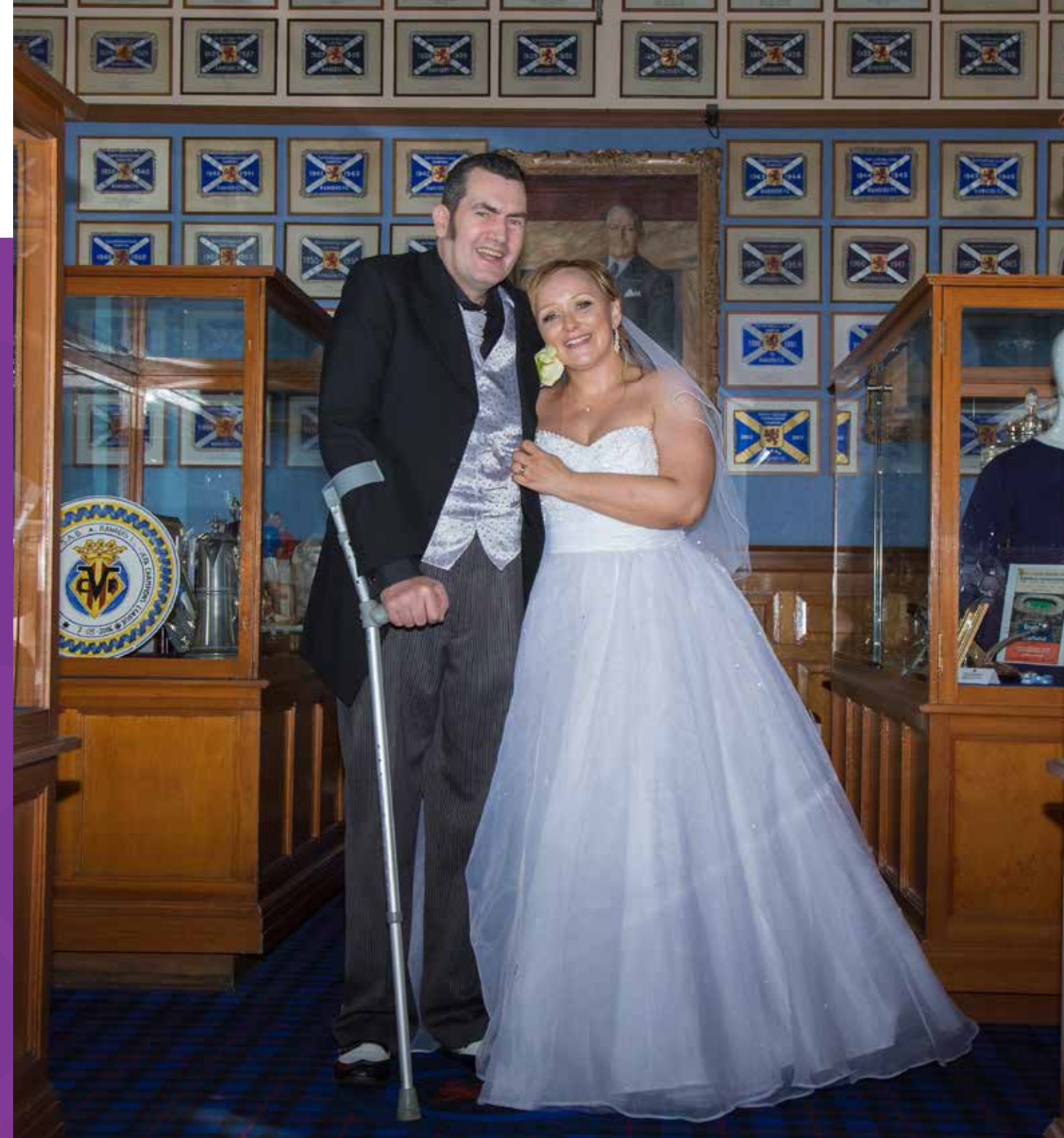
"The Foundation went above and beyond. Never in a million years would we have been able to do that. The charity deserves so much credit."

The wedding was paid for from our Rangers Charity Dream Fund, which was set up at the start of 2017/18 to create special experiences for children and adults whose lives have been impacted through illness, injury, disability or a difficult or traumatic experience.

Made up of a number of exclusive and bespoke experiences, the Dream Fund provided a deserved boost to many recipients over the season.

We invited guests to two behind the scenes Dream Days where each individual got to meet the entire first team squad and watch them train at the Hummel Training Centre before heading to Ibrox for lunch and a tour.

Our Dream Matchday Experience saw recipients given tickets to watch a Rangers game in style in a hospitality box at Ibrox with family and friends and the opportunity to meet a first team player. Our Dream Letters included a Rangers letter from a player and a signed photograph or souvenir pack.



**WE RESPONDED TO 3,350
REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FROM
CHARITIES, COMMUNITY GROUPS
AND INDIVIDUALS.**



OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

Being part of the community around Ibrox is integral to the ethos of the Rangers Charity Foundation. Every season we work with local and national groups, organisations and individuals – continuing to build strong relationships and a stronger community for all.

For example, we provide something fun and affordable for local children to do. Our free Friday Activity Nights in the Ibrox Community Complex sees children aged 8-18 attend to take part in football, dance and badminton sessions each week. During the summer holidays we also ran football summer camps for primary pupils about to move up to Govan High School. Both programmes are great ways for local children to make new friends.

Throughout the season we arranged for supporters and local residents to meet up to Keep Ibrox Beautiful by collecting litter from the streets in the vicinity of the Stadium.

We also want to help the people who call the local area home. We facilitated for Rangers fans to donate 1.35 tonnes of groceries on a matchday, which were donated to the food bank at Ibrox Parish Church.

At Christmas time we arranged a lunch for local pensioners at the Stadium and a party for children. The kids each received a present from Santa and the pensioners were entertained by Govan High School Music Band and by former players Willie Henderson and Alex MacDonald. In addition, we passed on 922 children's toys to local community groups and charities to make use of or distribute as gifts.

CHAMPIONS OF CHARITY

Throughout the football season we arranged for charities and community groups in the local area and further afield to raise funds by collecting from fans attending Rangers FC home matches. In total 13 organisations benefited from a share of £34,633.

We are committed to helping charities and individuals raise funds for their cause and improve the lives of those who they support. Over the past year we have had a record 3,350 requests for help from people asking for match tickets, souvenir packs and signed merchandise. Overall we donated £263,153 worth of in kind support, replying to every request and saying 'yes' to 89% of them.

Making sure football is accessible for all is important to us. Our Tickets For Good scheme meant 1125 people, who ordinarily wouldn't have been able to afford to attend a football match, were gifted matchday tickets and at each home game we were able to offer a disabled fan a ticket, along with two additional tickets for their carers and a car-park pass.

The Foundation also arranged for players to visit supporters in hospital and care homes where possible.



20+
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES REACHING
OVER 6,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR



RANGERS CHARITY FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE...



£263,153
OF IN-KIND SUPPORT
DELIVERED IN SEASON 17/18

**£5.4 MILLION CASH
AND IN-KIND DONATED
SINCE SINCE 2002**



£168,321
DONATED TO
ARMED FORCES CHARITIES SINCE 2012

**16 YEARS SINCE THE
FOUNDATION WAS FORMED**



4,716
NUMBER OF MILES CYCLED
FOR THE FOUNDATION THIS SEASON AT OUR
ARRAN CYCLE CHALLENGE AND IBROX SPINATHON

**£112,000 DONATED TO 8
OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNERS
IN SEASON 17/18**

**1,443 HOURS OF
VOLUNTEERING BY
SUPPORTERS IN
SEASON 17/18**



£145,000
RAISED FOR
HOMELESS PROJECTS
HOMELESS PROJECTS BY OUR BIG IBROX SLEEP OUTS

**56 BAGS OF RUBBISH
COLLECTED AT OUR
COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS**



3,350
REQUESTS RESPONDED TO
FOR SUPPORT FROM CHARITIES,
COMMUNITY GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

**20+ COMMUNITY
PROGRAMMES REACHING
6,000 PEOPLE IN SEASON 17/18**



280
RUNNERS PARTICIPATED
IN OUR IBROX FUN RUN



3,080
BED NIGHTS PROVIDED
AT GLASGOW CITY MISSION'S
WINTER NIGHT SHELTER DURING THREE
EXTRA MONTHS PAID FOR BY THE FOUNDATION

**FOUNDATION STAFF,
VOLUNTEERS, AND
RANGERS YOUTH PLAYERS
SPENT A DAY HANGING
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL
FOR CHILDREN, GLASGOW**



£34,663
DONATED BY FANS
TO CHARITY VIA MATCHDAY CAN COLLECTIONS 17/18

**COMMUNITY HUB OFFICER
BASED FULL-TIME IN
GOVAN HIGH SCHOOL**



1,125
MATCH TICKETS
GIVEN TO LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS
INCLUDING VETERANS AND HOMELESS ORGANISATIONS

**WE ARE AN SQA
APPROVED CENTRE**

**91 OUR OLDEST PARTICIPANT
FROM OUR FOOTBALL
MEMORIES PROGRAMME**



500
FAMILIES SUPPORTED
VIA THE SCOTTISH AUTISM ADVICE LINE
PARTLY FUNDED BY THE FOUNDATION

**25 ROUGH SLEEPERS REACHED
EACH WEEK BY SIMON
COMMUNITY'S STREET CYCLE
PROJECT PART FUNDED BY
THE FOUNDATION**



**1 MILLION
VACCINES**
PAID FOR WITH UNICEF
AS PART OF OUR 10 YEAR PARTNERSHIP

**96 STONE COLLECTIVELY
LOST BY 130 FOOTBALL FANS
IN TRAINING PARTICIPANTS
WHO ALSO LOST 10 METRES
AROUND THEIR WAISTS**



**4.5
TONNES**
OF FOOD DONATED
TO FOOD BANKS OVER THE LAST 3 SEASONS

67 SCHOOLS
WHERE WE DELIVER
OUR PROGRAMMES

**222 FANS TOOK PART IN
THE BIG IBROX SLEEPOUT
TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR
HOMELESS PARTNERS**



535 PEOPLE
WHO RAISED OVER £100
FOR THE FOUNDATION BECOMING TRUE BLUE HEROES

**56 DIFFERENT CHARITIES
AND COMMUNITY
GROUPS WERE GIVEN
COMPLIMENTARY STADIUM
TOURS IN SEASON 17/18**



98,666
FANS INSIDE IBROX
FOR OUR ARMED FORCES DAY AND REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS

**81 PEOPLE BENEFITED
FROM THE RANGERS
CHARITY DREAM FUND
IN SEASON 17/18**

CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY

The Foundation forms partnerships with selected charities each season to fund projects that have a lasting and significant impact locally, nationally and internationally. In season 2017/18 we donated £112,000 to eight organisations.

NATIONAL PARTNER

With one in 100 people in Scotland having an autism diagnosis, Scottish Autism was selected as our National Charity Partner for its commitment to advocate for people with autism, establish best practice and ensure that the life of each and every person with autism is enriched and fulfilled to its potential.

SCOTTISH AUTISM

In Season 2017/18 we donated £20,000 to our National Partner Scottish Autism. This helped the charity fund its Advice Line, and paid for a new social area in Founders House, its property in Alloa which is home to adults with autism and other health related issues such as Parkinson's, limited mobility or sight loss.

In addition, we raised the profile of the charity among the Rangers support by promoting its 'A is for Autism' campaign including arranging a giant A on the pitch. We promoted Autism Awareness Month and even launched a new football programme at the Hummel Training Centre for children who are autistic.

One of the major highlights of the partnership saw Scottish Autism have a colourful presence at Ibrox for the SPFL match against Dundee on 7 April.

The charity's mascot Wallace the Bear joined Broxi as the players warmed up in Scottish Autism branded t-shirts, electronic advertising messages highlighted the charity's services around the Stadium, supporters were given information leaflets and a short film depicting the matchday journey of a young autistic Rangers fan was shown on the big screens and received a standing ovation.



500

THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WE SUPPORTED
VIA THE SCOTTISH AUTISM ADVICE LINE



INTERNATIONAL PARTNER

The Foundation has always championed the work of organisations that support children and in Season 2017/18 we continued our long established partnership with UNICEF.

UNICEF

For the last decade the Foundation has been a proud partner of UNICEF, the world's leading children's charity. Over the years the partnership has made a significant contribution to the health and education of some of the world's most vulnerable children via projects in India, West Africa and across the globe. We are especially proud of having donated enough money to pay for 1 million vaccines to protect children from a range of deadly but preventable diseases.

Season 2017/18 saw the Foundation for the second year running donate £25,000 to UNICEF UK's Children's Emergency Fund, which exists to allow the charity to respond immediately when children are in danger.

The Fund is vital for UNICEF to help children caught up in emergencies that may not have attracted wide attention or where interest has waned. When a disaster strikes, children are often the hardest hit. Their worlds are turned upside down. Many lose families, their homes, their schools, even their lives. The Fund enables UNICEF to respond immediately to help children, without having to wait to launch a public appeal

In addition, the Foundation made a further donation to the Unicef Mexico Earthquake Appeal set up following a 7.1 magnitude quake in September, which killed 370 people and caused devastation - including a whole school collapsing in Mexico City trapping children and their teachers inside.



CELEBRATING

10 YEARS

OF PARTNERSHIP WITH UNICEF



OUR LOCAL PARTNERS

GLASGOW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHARITY

The Foundation has enjoyed a special relationship with Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity for many years. This season we donated £10,000 to support its Schiehallion Appeal, helping Scotland's kids beat cancer, as well as funding Christmas activities.

More than two thirds of children in Scotland with cancer are treated in Ward 2A and 2B at the Royal Hospital for Children in Glasgow. The Schiehallion Appeal aims to bring more of the latest innovative cancer treatments to Scotland. Clinical trials give children access to a new type of treatment when conventional treatments have failed, giving young patients the best possible chance in their fight against cancer.

In the run up to Christmas, Foundation staff, volunteers, and players from Rangers' under 17s and the under 20s brought some festive spirit to the wards by decorating trees and hanging decorations throughout the hospital. The entire first team squad then visited the hospital to spend time with the children, take photographs, sign autographs and deliver goodie bags.



22 PATIENTS FROM THE HOSPITAL WERE INVITED TO BE PLAYER MASCOTS AT THE RANGERS LEGENDS GAME WHICH RAISED FUNDS FOR THE FOUNDATION



HOMELESSNESS

Now in their third year the Big Ibrox Sleep Outs raised £61,000 which was evenly split between helping to fund our own work in the community and charity partners Simon Community Scotland and Glasgow City Mission. Supporters braved the cold and slept out overnight in the technical area at Ibrox filling three events in November and December to raise the funds and highlight the issue of homelessness.

SIMON COMMUNITY SCOTLAND

This season, a third of the money raised from our Sleep Out events went towards Simon Community Scotland's new Street Cycles project - an outreach service staffed by volunteers on bicycles. It sees volunteers cycle outside the city centre to reach around 25 rough sleepers per week. The service provides a visible and friendly point of contact for rough sleepers, some of whom do not feel safe entering the city centre.

The project also provides immediate access to items such as food, clothing and sleeping bags carried in panniers fitted to the bikes meaning the team can carry more essentials. Despite still being in its infancy, the project has been a great success so far, recognised in its nomination for a Scottish Transport Award in the Accessibility Project of the Year category.

GLASGOW CITY MISSION

Glasgow City Mission's share of the Sleep Out cash is helping it take radical steps to address the growing problem of homelessness. It has purchased 10 flats across the city and is using them to house some of the most vulnerable and hardest to reach people who have been caught up in the destructive cycle of homelessness.

The Foundation's donation has helped decorate and furnish these flats which are let to those in need without demanding they first go through various other homeless accommodation. Instead, important wraparound support is given once they have their tenancy. Having the stability of a home that is theirs helps people to have a sense of ownership and they are less likely to return to the streets.



222 FANS TOOK PART IN THE BIG IBROX SLEEP OUTS



SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES

Rangers has a special relationship with our Armed Forces, one which the Charity Foundation builds on every season by marking significant events in the Stadium and making donations to services related charities through our Armed Forces Partnership.

The Foundation arranged for over 200 Armed Forces personnel to be guests of the Club at Ibrox for Rangers match against Dundee on 9 September to mark Armed Forces Day. Representatives from each branch of the armed services led the teams out onto the pitch and personnel from the RAF abseiled into the Stadium to deliver the match ball. Prior to the game a lone piper from the RAF played pitch-side and the 7 Scots (Pipes and Drums) Band played in the Fan Zone. On 4 November the Foundation arranged for Remembrance Day to be observed in a powerful and respectful way at the Club's match against Partick Thistle.

AA VETERANS SUPPORT

Our £5,000 donation to AA Veterans Support helped the charity continue to deliver and develop its respite, treatment, training and welfare assistance services to former and active service men and women including at Northern Ireland's first dedicated drop-in training and treatment centre.

COMING HOME CENTRE

We funded around 3,200 meals for veterans at the Coming Home Centre's Drop-in Centre, based at the Pearce Institute in Govan. Encouraging veterans to spend time together eating is an important part of the Centre's strategy as it helps them re-experience the camaraderie they enjoyed in the armed forces.

ERSKINE

Opened in December, Erskine's new Activity Centre at its Reid Macewen Training and Conference Centre in Bishopton benefited from a £5,000 donation from the Foundation. The money was used to fund items such as arts and crafts materials, cookery equipment and utensils, basic exercise equipment, DVDs and computer software.



£168,321

DONATED TO ARMED FORCES PARTNERS SINCE 2012



EVENTS & TRUE BLUE HEROES

BRINGING THE RANGERS FAMILY TOGETHER

Every year the Foundation puts on a number of events to fundraise for our partners and our work in the community, raise awareness of particular issues and provide opportunities for our supporters to enjoy being part of the Rangers Family.

Our flagship Charity Ball in Glasgow's Hilton had a Masquerade theme this year raising £91,000, while our ever popular Blue Belles Lunch at the Radisson Blu was attended by over 200 women.

Our Big Hearted Bears Day on August 19 gave all fans at Ibrox an opportunity to celebrate the impact of the Foundation at the Club's match against Heart of Midlothian. Also in the Stadium, our Big Ibrox Sleep Outs raised over £61,000 for our charity partners working in homelessness and the Blue All Over Fun Run was a great day out for all the family.

Supporters were also keen to get on their bikes for us. The second Rangers Charity Foundation Arran Cycle was a great success with participants cycling further than the previous year and our Ibrox Big Spinathon saw 72 supporters cycle 1,872 miles trackside.

Play on the Pitch made the dreams come true for 90 fans who signed up to play 90 minutes of football on the hallowed Ibrox turf, while our Race Night and Q&A Evening allowed fans to spend time with their heroes in the Ibrox Suite.

But it wasn't just at our own events that supporters raised funds for us. We had participants take part in events all over the country from the Aberdeen Kiltwalk to the Edinburgh marathon. Indeed, thrill seeking fans at the North American Rangers Supporters Association (NARSA) Convention in Calgary, Alberta took on luge and bobsleigh challenges at the city's Winter Olympic Park.

Regardless of what event supporters take part in, we are always keen to show our appreciation and throughout the season we arranged five True Blue Hero Medal Ceremonies for those who had raised over £100 for us. Each supporter was invited to Ibrox for a drink and a meal and to receive an exclusive medal and pin-badge from a first team player. This year Greg Docherty, Declan John, Sean Goss, Daniel Candeias and Fabio Cardoso were all delighted to distribute the honours.



535 TRUE BLUE HEROES IN 2017/18



THANK YOU!

TOGETHER WE MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past year for offering their time, support and generosity. Without their commitment the Foundation and our partners would not be able to make the difference we do today.

From all our volunteers and fans who donated their change on matchdays, to the fundraisers who took on a personal challenge for us and the businesses and organisations who have supported us throughout the year - we are truly grateful to you all. Together we have made a bigger difference than ever before.

In particular we want to say a special thank you to the following individuals and organisations:

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