



### A YEAR IN YOUR PROVINCE

Warwickshire 2023 Festival

## A look back at your achievements

## Supporting Freemasons and their families

It has been just over one year since the **2023 Festival** concluded, with members in Warwickshire making generous contributions in support of the MCF totalling **£2,637,898.** 

During the last twelve months, the MCF have been using these funds to provide support that makes a difference and responds to need.

### Summary of donations



In the past 12 months the MCF has made **53** grants to the value of **£154,327** to support Freemasons and their families in Warwickshire.



1 grant was made to provide support to children, young people and educational needs.
18 grants were made to provide support to those with health, care and wellbeing needs.
34 grants were made to provide support towards daily living costs.

And it is not just in Warwickshire that Freemasons receive support. In the last financial year over **4,575 grants** were made totalling nearly **£13.7 million** across England and Wales to support people who need help, people like Andy...

> Freemason, Andy, has been living with Cystic Fibrosis for his entire life. When he was made redundant from his full-time job, he was put in a difficult position.

> The financial strain from having to cut his work hours became more noticeable when he was moving home and didn't have the deposit to secure a flat.

Our Daily Living Costs grant allowed Andy to follow his recommended diet, which reduced the symptoms of Cystic Fibrosis and helped him get back on track.

# Supporting your local community



Through our grants to local and national charities, Freemasons are helping to tackle some of the most important issues facing society. With grants in the last financial year totalling nearly **£6 million**, we are helping thousands of people in local communities to live happy, fulfilling lives and participate more actively in society.

In the last twelve months, seven charities in Warwickshire have received grants in the amount of **£271,393** providing much needed funds to ensure these charities can continue to support local communities.

#### Charities like Coventry Haven Women's Aid.

Coventry Haven Women's Aid support children and their mothers who are survivors of domestic abuse and who are in need of safety, stability and support with advocacy, financial independence, legal proceedings as well as parenting guidance. The charity provides vital resources, safe accommodation and emotional support to help families rebuild their lives.

The charity has received an MCF Grant of **£58,558** over two years that will enable them to fund a project that works with children and young people living in refuge. These children are facing challenges such as physical, emotional and psychological trauma and could be struggling with feelings of isolation, anxiety, low self esteem and practical challenges.

The project will offer children and young people in refuge a dedicated Children and Young People Refuge Worker for 1.5 years. This role will offer personalised support plans based on identified goals, developed with mother and child to meet their specific needs. Over the funding period, **60** children and young people, and **20** further individuals will be supported.

Find out more about charities supported by the MCF on our website.

## Support for Freemasons and their families

The MCF provide support for Freemasons and their families when life takes an unexpected turn for the worse. They offer a wide range of grants and support services for financial, health, family and care-related needs.

#### **DAILY LIVING COSTS**

Grants are available to alleviate financial strain faced by Freemasons and their families in crisis or distress. These grants help with the costs of running a home or responding to an emergency.

#### HEALTH, CARE & WELL-BEING

Help can be provided to live healthier and more active lives by funding medical assessments, treatment, mobility equipment and support for carers where there is a long NHS wait and self-funding is not an option.

### CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION

Support for young people in education or training to achieve their potential and maximise their talents.

Visit mcf.org.uk/get-support/

#### **ADVICE, SUPPORT & ENQUIRIES**

The MCF Advice, Support & Enquiries Team (ASET) offers a free and confidential service for Freemasons and their families.

#### **Call: 0800 035 60 90**

#### Kenter Strail: help@mcf.org.uk



### Support our work

There are many ways in which you can support the MCF and every donation, big or small, makes a huge difference to the people we support.

 Make one-off donations or set up regular ongoing giving plans by visiting our website: <u>donate.mcf.org.uk/</u> <u>donate/</u>

- You can also call us and make a donation over the phone: 020 3146 3352
- You can undertake fundraising activities and support others in their endeavours. Set up your own fundraising page online: freemasonry.gives

#### Leave a Gift in your Will

As we look to the future, we hope to expand our support even further. By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help to ensure that the MCF continues to have a positive and life-changing impact for many years to come.

Legacy gifts provide an opportunity to make a meaningful difference to other people's lives, long after we are gone. Large or small, we are grateful for every legacy gift and are proud to honour the memory of our donors through life-changing grants and services. If you're considering leaving a legacy gift in your Will, we're here to help and can advise on how to use our free Will-writing service.

Visit our website to find out more about writing a new Will, amending an existing Will or leaving a legacy gift. mcf.org.uk/support-our-work/ legacies/

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