

THE Ring

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All the news and achievements
from MacIntyre



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Providing support...your way



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OUR LATEST NEWS

We've been busy cheering on our Milton Keynes Dragon Boat rowers, celebrating an 'outstanding' achievement and sharing exciting news during Dementia Action Week.

A SPOTLIGHT ON...THE MARJORIE NEWTON WRIGHT AWARDS 2019

In April, we celebrated the achievements of our staff and volunteers at the Marjorie Newton Wright Awards. In this issue, we take a look at our winners' stories.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We explore how your support makes a difference.

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Welcome

from Sarah Burslem

I am writing this two days after watching the most recent Panorama exposure of unlawful abuse against people living at Whorlton Hall; a specialist hospital for people with a learning disability managed by Cygnet Healthcare. This programme was aired during a week where a number of high profile reviews and reports were published and within which, further incidences of unlawful and abusive behaviour against disabled people living in specialist hospitals were cited.



Coincidentally at the end of the week in question, we had an extended Trustee meeting that had been planned for some time. The purpose of which, was to share with Trustees the progress we are making with the delivery of our current strategy. We were joined by five colleagues from our adult social care and education services. What we saw over the course of the five hours we spent together was strong, innovative and passionate leadership. Examples of exceptional practice were shared and we heard stories of children who had been excluded from other schools but thriving in our classrooms, of people leading interesting, fulfilling and healthy lives, but most of all we saw genuine warmth and compassion.

I was moved by my colleagues' accounts and proud of the culture that exists within MacIntyre. Trustees set high expectations and during such a week it is important to reflect on the importance of culture not only to ensure that we remain true to our heritage but most importantly to keep people safe, well and happy. Everyone supportive of MacIntyre plays their part so thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Burslem, Chief Executive.

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Have a story to share?

Do you have a story to share about someone supported by MacIntyre? Perhaps someone we support has achieved one of their goals, grown in confidence, or dared to try something new?

If so, we would love to hear from you.

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Our Vision

For all people with a learning disability to live a life that makes sense to them.

Our Mission

We will support a sense of wellbeing through a celebration of each person's unique gifts, talents and contributions, the quality of our relationships and ensuring the promotion of real opportunities to connect with others.

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Our latest news



'Outstanding' in Worcestershire

In May, we were excited to share the 'outstanding news' that the support our team in Worcestershire provide has been rated 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

In response to the news, Patsy Deacon Registered Area Manager for Worcestershire said:

"We are absolutely delighted to receive this recognition and I am honoured to be part of such a dedicated team. We have a passion for empowering the people we support to live their life on their own terms and are proud to provide care and support that is truly person centred."



Dementia Action Week

May 20-26 was Dementia Action Week and to kick-start the week, we shared that after a successful launch in 2018, Memories and Miles will be returning for 2019.

Last year, we launched our first Memories and Miles walks to celebrate loved ones with dementia and raise money for our growing number of Memory Cafés. Over 400 of you took part in zany zumba warm-ups, posed with a life-size cut out of Usain Bolt and took on our fully accessible one-mile walks to support people living with dementia and their families.

Check out our 'Upcoming Events' page to find your nearest Memories and Miles event.



Dragon Boat Festival 2019

If you were in Milton Keynes on 23 June, you may have spotted a few dragons on the horizon! Over 30 teams jumped aboard brightly coloured boats in a bid to win the Milton Keynes Dragon Boat Festival 2019.

We're delighted to share over £11,000 was raised for MacIntyre and will benefit the people we support through our Milton Keynes Sports Project.

Interested in gathering a team together for 2020? Get in touch with our fundraising team via events@macintyrecharity.org.

Around MacIntyre...

What have the people we support, our staff, families and specialist teams been up to across the country? Find out...



Runway Success

Two women supported by MacIntyre took to the runway to model outfits of their choice at our Chesterfield Fashion Show in April. Shoppers enjoyed a glass of prosecco, whilst browsing a selection of high street fashion at reduced prices. But the main event for many was the catwalk show.

Speaking about the event, Merle Davis Area Manager for Leicester and Chesterfield said: "The highlight for me was watching Helen and Christine steal the show when taking their turn on the runway. Absolutely fantastic! I'm in awe of their bravery and confidence."

"His confidence and personality grew and grew..."

When *Keith first arrived at MacIntyre No Limits in September 2017, he was quiet and subdued and felt anxious communicating with others. Since then, Keith has conquered public transport and explored his passions for cooking and music. Most recently, staff were delighted to witness Keith have enough courage to order his own drink at a busy McDonald's restaurant.

*The student's name has been changed.



Golf Day raises £50k

On Thursday 2 May, 32 teams took to Woburn Golf Club for the 32nd MacIntyre Golf Day. Since 1987 this event has raised over £800,000 for the people supported by MacIntyre.

Prizes are awarded for the first six teams, as well as for Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive. This year's overall winners were the team from Marsh, with Gill Hudson Homes and Repro Plastics Ltd taking 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

A special thanks to the event's main sponsor McCann Homes and to Duncan Sinclair for providing the prizes, as well as a number of others who kindly sponsored holes and printing: Franklins Solicitors, Investigo, David Gallagher, Business World Services and the French Horn in Steppingley.

Woodlands View Opening

Also in April, we were delighted to celebrate the official opening of our new children's home in St Albans.

The opening welcomed local authorities, the community and MacIntyre colleagues to view the property. Woodlands View features en-suite accommodation for all children and young people, as well as additional kitchens, communal spaces, offices and staff facilities.





Upcoming events

This year, we've got plenty of events to add to your diary. Whether you say hello at one of our recruitment events, cheer on runners at the Bedford Twilight 10K, or take part in our Memories and Miles walks; there's something for everyone.

16 August	MK Job Fair
17 August	Warrington Memories and Miles
31 August	Bedford Twilight 10K
8 September	Milton Keynes Memories and Miles
8 September	Chesterfield Memories and Miles
14 September	Ampthill Recruitment Day
16 September	High Wycombe Job Fair
26 September	Fish and Chips Quiz Night MK
29 September	Bedfordshire Memories and Miles



Work that's worthwhile...

At MacIntyre, we are all about people. We feel inspired by the people we support, the dedication of our colleagues and the life long relationships that we build together.

With limitless career progression, support and training from an award-winning organisation and the chance to make a difference, make the next step in your career count with us.

If you know someone who would make a great addition to our team, why not recommend them? With a variety of roles across the country, there's more to MacIntyre than meets the eye.

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Marjorie Newton Wright Awards 2019

In April, we were delighted to celebrate our outstanding staff and volunteers at the Marjorie Newton Wright Awards 2019.

Helen Bass, MacIntyre's Workforce Director said:

"I would like to congratulate everyone who was nominated and to thank my colleagues, people we support and their families for their nominations. There can be no higher accolade than to be nominated by this group of people."

Best Newcomer: Rebecca Gordon, MacIntyre School

Since arriving at MacIntyre School, Becca has had a positive impact on not only students but staff too. With no previous experience in the field of social care, she has shown a high level of creativity in how she supports the students and is already leading the way for new staff.

Outstanding Frontline Employee Children and Young People: Christopher Mellor, No Limits Midlands

Our winner has made a name for himself across MacIntyre due to his creativity, ingenious thinking and generosity towards the young people he supports. For the judges, Chris' dedication and imagination stood out by far. After getting to know the learner and his interest in cartoon characters, Chris exercised his talent for drawing by creating personalised learning resources, featuring the characters the young man adored.

Outstanding Frontline Employee Adult Services: Katie Marshall, Adult Services, Leicester

The judges were really struck by Katie's commitment to the people she supports. Having been a Support Worker in Leicester for 18 years, Katie has used her skills and warmth to

build solid foundations with the people she supports.

From helping a lady to paint her nails, to supporting another to maintain family relationships and renegotiating funding; Katie continues to embody MacIntyre's values.

Inspirational Leader Adult Services: Sadie Scott, Area Manager, Milton Keynes

Sadie has led a number of practice initiatives in the Milton Keynes area with a particular focus on end of life care. Her drive in this area comes from the need to provide the very best care and support to the people living in Milton Keynes who are becoming increasingly frail.

Lastly, Sadie has given many years of her life to MacIntyre and is someone who always goes above and beyond.

Inspirational Leader, Children and Young People: Pam Rozentals, MacIntyre No Limits

Pam is ambitious for every child and young adult and believes passionately in their right to an equal and inclusive education.

Pam has the ability to spot opportunities and to embrace new ways of working which is driven by a desire to achieve the very best outcome for the children and young people she supports.

"No Limits continues to grow from strength to strength and this is because of the exceptional, work, time and effort Pam has put in."

Innovation Award: MK Lifelong Learning Green Genies

The Green Genies are a group of support workers and people we support at Milton Keynes Lifelong Learning, working together in partnership with external organisations such as Buckingham Canal Society Group.

The team regularly clear up litter for Shenley Brook End Parish Council and the Canal and River Trust, but they have also tidied local hedgerows in support of local charities.

The judges chose The Green Genies because this is a genuinely innovative partnership between people we support, staff and external organisations, and involves a lot of great interaction with the public.

Outstanding Specialist Support Employee: Julie Burns, Administrator, Shrewsbury Office

Julie was nominated by several managers in our Shropshire services, as well as by someone we support.

There have been some new managers in Shropshire over the past year and Julie has gone above and beyond her job description in supporting them to understand their new roles.

"She is the glue that holds us all together. She doesn't do her job for the wages alone, but because she truly believes in what we do."

Volunteer of the Year: Dewi Griffith, Milton Keynes Lifelong Learning

Dewi has been volunteering with this team for ten years. He devotes much of his free time by coming in two days a week. One of these days is spent as part of a group, and the other is spent supporting someone in a shared passion for birdwatching and nature trails.



Fundraising Champion: Donald Delmohamed, The Mag and Great Interactions

In October last year, Donald took part in the Milton Keynes Memories and Miles event, pushing himself around the one-mile route.

Donald raised £400 and was featured in the local paper. The judges selected Donald as this year's 'Fundraising Champion' because of the time and effort he put into training for the event and the way in which he raised MacIntyre's profile, doing something that was outside of his comfort zone.

Outstanding Team: Swanwick Lifelong Learning, Derbyshire

The judges chose Swanwick Lifelong Learning as it was clearly evident that the team have gone above and beyond over the past year to ensure that the people we support are kept at the heart of everything they do, whilst they have been going through a number of environmental challenges.

The entire team have worked hard to guarantee consistency and stability the people, remaining positive and committed to always putting others first.

Health and Safety Champion: Maureen White, Warrington

Throughout the past year, Maureen has worked to develop some excellent safe systems around infection control for a person she supports. This involved making several, non-intrusive adaptations to their home.

Maureen provided this support whilst helping maintain the redevelopment of the building. She was the driving force behind ensuring that a proactive approach was taken with another person's mobility. Maureen's dedication meant that the person could remain in their home.

To find out more about starting a career with MacIntyre, you can contact our friendly Recruitment Team:

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Making a difference

At MacIntyre, we aim to support people with learning disabilities and/or autism to live a life that makes sense to them. Whilst we receive funding to provide for our core services, it is often the 'extras', which are brought to life by fundraising, that make a huge difference.

For some of the people we support, they dream of heading on a holiday of a lifetime. For others, funds raised can help them to learn a new skill.

As a result of fundraising efforts by the MacIntyre Golf Committee and several of our other fantastic fundraisers, last year we were able to offer a complete makeover of the courtyard at MacIntyre School and Children's Homes. Since the opening of the courtyard, the children and young people have enjoyed using the climbing equipment in the courtyard to learn and play.

Fundraising also provides our services with equipment, meaning the people we support can have new experiences and develop their confidence. As a result of your fundraising, we were able to give a host of musical instruments to Amphill Lifelong Learning in Bedfordshire.

These instruments have helped many of the people we support to make stronger connections and express themselves. Music also serves as a tool to encourage the people we support to communicate with others around them.

Your fundraising efforts have also resulted in the refurbishment of the MacIntyre Coffee Shop in Stony Stratford, where many of the people we support continue their learning. Whilst funds raised increased the size of the space, it also bought a fully accessible till, complete with visual aids, to ensure the people we support to feel confident when serving customers.

Most recently, your fundraising has resulted in a brand new garden for people we support in Milton Keynes to enjoy in the summer months.



Did you know that you can choose where the money you donate or raise goes within MacIntyre?

Whether it's a particular area that is close to your heart or a project you just can't wait to support, our Fundraising Team are here to help.

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A look into Shared Lives...

Have you ever met someone who changed your life? This is often true for our Shared Lives families.

Jamie's Story

Jamie has been supported by Shared Lives Carers Doug and Fe for seven years. In that time they have helped him find three voluntary roles, that have made him feel connected and established within his community.

With support from Doug and Fe, Jamie began to volunteer at a local community café. Here he would chat with people, spend time making them feel welcome and ensure that the tables were clean.

Jamie's volunteer work didn't stop there. As a result of support from Doug and Fe, Jamie also volunteered with the Warrington Wolves, providing admin and general support for the club.

"During his time with us, he becomes an adopted uncle to our four grandchildren who he enjoys spending time with during his visit to us. We love having Jamie in our lives and he is now part of the family."

Fe, Jamie's Shared Lives Carer

As Jamie's confidence began to grow, he began to take on new experiences. Jamie joined a learning disability football group and learning disability rugby group, with the Warrington Wolves. He also began to help teach dance to young people with disabilities.

Whilst Jamie's skills and confidence grew through volunteering opportunities, it was the skills learned at home with Doug and Fe that continued to support his growth. By helping Jamie to master

basic cooking skills, manage his money and navigate the bus route to and from work, Doug and Fe were able to help Jamie develop his independence.

Finally, with continued support from Doug and Fe, Jamie decided it was time to move into his own flat, where he now lives happily.

Peter's Story

For Peter, meeting new Shared Lives carer Paul was the key to gaining new skills.

Peter had been living with his Shared Lives carer for two years, but after a family member was sadly taken ill, Peter was introduced to Paul to ensure Peter got the extra support he needed.

From their first meeting, it was clear that Paul and Peter would get on well. As a Dog Groomer by trade, Paul was able to introduce Peter to plenty of new experiences. Paul encouraged Peter to help walk and groom the dogs, which he adored.

Not only did they share a passion for dogs, but Paul was also able to teach Peter about cooking.

Paul encouraged Peter to get involved in the entire process of creating meals, starting with buying ingredients for to serving meals at night. Not only has Peter developed his culinary skills, but as a result, he feels much more independent too.

Since then, Paul has become one of Peter's main supporters and has continued to help Peter to develop his skills.

To find out more about our Shared Lives scheme, contact:

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Thank you to...

Jo-Anne Jones

Jo-Anne Jones took on the Bridgnorth Challenge in aid of MacIntyre, raising over £400!

Puratos UK

The team at Puratos, one of our fabulous Corporate Supporters, took part in two challenges recently in the name of MacIntyre. Their amazing efforts and combined fundraising stands at a total of £3,800.

Jelena Usen

In May our Finance Assistant Jelena Usen took on the Rocket 5K Run in Milton Keynes in aid of MacIntyre.

Franklins Solicitors, Nampak Plastics, KAM Project Consultants and Marsh

At the beginning of the year, MacIntyre were delighted to participate in the Franklins Solicitors LLP '£50 Challenge 2019' for the first time, alongside two other charities. In total, our three teams from Nampak Plastics, KAM Project Consultants and Marsh raised just under £6,000.

We are thrilled to be chosen to be part of the Franklins Challenge again from 23 April 2020 to 18 June 2020.

Our London Marathon Runners 2019

Peter Baker, Jo Greengrass, Emma Slaney, Andrew Miller, Elaine Fraser and Sadie Galvin raised 13,650 for MacIntyre. We are now taking expressions of interest for 2020.

Oriflame UK

Oriflame UK kindly donated a beauty hamper for a raffle and 10 boxes of toiletries for the people we support.

Chesterfield Fashion Show

The team behind our fantastic Chesterfield Fashion Show raised over £400 for MacIntyre.

Wolverton and Stony Rotary Club

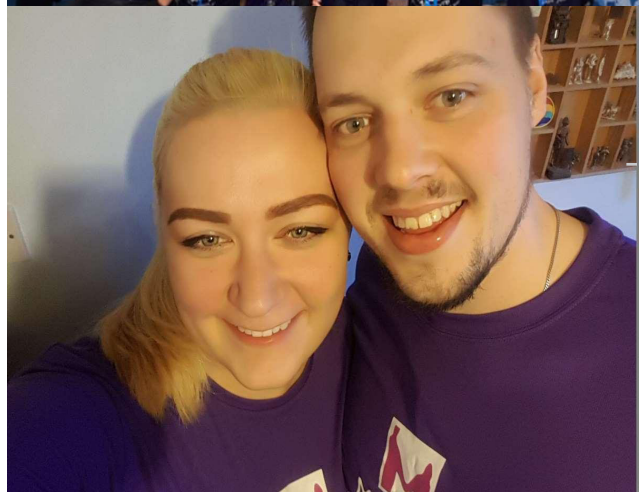
Following on from their year of fundraising for us, the Wolverton and Stony Rotary Club made an additional gift, which enabled the Stony Coffee Shop team to buy a till, which includes images making it easier for the learners to use without support.

Leighton and Linslade Rotary Club

Staff and students at MacIntyre School and Children's Homes were delighted to receive a generous donation of £5,000 from the Leighton and Linslade Rotary Club.

All of the Trusts and Foundations who continue to support us

We really would not be where we are today, without the continued support of each and every one of our fundraisers, Corporate Partners and lifelong supporters.



Congratulations

...to all our colleagues that celebrated their MacIntyre anniversaries recently!

5 Years

Simon Earwicker
Clare Lewis
Kirsty Withall
Pauline Stone
Hellen Semanda
Mistry Jayameni
Martin Grant
Liam Dutnall
Christine Willis
Magdalena Brumwell
Victoria Teague
Charlotte Baker
Clive Dix
Clare Williams
Janice Fullerton
Leanne Baxter
Paul Reed
Beverly Watt
Moses Musoke
Ruta Bazilevskiene
Shannon Carrington
Teresa Dover
Joanna Anstruther
Roxanne Leach
Catherine Jackson

10 Years

Farrah Massa
Victoria Marsh
Susan Williams
Linda Owen
Micheal Mcleod
Bernice Smith
Aneta Wolska
Christina Ellis
William Fletcher
Jennifer Jones
Katie Jones
Anthony Wilson
Gary Cotterill
Kathryn Ferrier
Ndimonyema Okoronkwo
Jordon Campbell
Dianne Nuthall
David Shepherd
Jacqueline Robinson
Shelagh Atherton
Robert Lloyd
Fay Prattley
Lee Williams
Margaret Edmondson
Nicole Brooks
Janet Potter-Egerton

Alcian Roofe
Paul Lake
Irene Basford

15 Years

Phillip Green
Tracey McArdie
Deborah Grange
Carol Tremble
Pauline Rizzotti
Sandra Hughes
Christina Murray
Christian Martins Ubani

20 Years

Merle Davis
Hayley Wilson
Zoey Cussons
Jane Luscombe

30 Years

Alison Jones
Joyce Hennis

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Lottery

The latest winning numbers

February

First prize of £500: 355

Second prizes of £50: 482 and 201

Third prizes of £25: 73, 107, 146 and 425

March

First prize of £500: 377

Second prizes of £50: 452, 159

Third prizes of £25: 91, 230, 244 and 124

April

First prize of £500: 432

Second prizes of £50: 364 and 216

Third prizes of £25: 56, 365, 82 and 355

Not signed up yet?

The MacIntyre Lottery costs just £5 a month per number. You can play as many numbers as you wish. Every penny raised from the MacIntyre Lottery goes directly to benefit the people we support. You can even nominate your favourite service to receive your donations.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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All winners will be contacted directly by the Fundraising Team. All winning numbers are published here in each issue of The Ring and on MacIntyre's website.

The MacIntyre Lottery is licensed by the Gambling Commission under the Gambling Act 2005. MacIntyre is committed to responsible gambling. It is an offence to gamble under the age of 16.

I want to help make a difference to the lives of the children, young people and adults supported by MacIntyre

- I enclose my gift of.....
- I enclose my cheque made payable to MacIntyre
- I have completed the Gift Aid Declaration overleaf

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- Fundraising ideas
- Volunteering
- Leaving a lasting gift
- Other (please specify)

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