

**Cambridgeshire
Community Foundation**

**Impact
Report
2014**

Homeless people

**People with
health problems**

**Isolated older
people**

**Young people
with disabilities**



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In 2014, Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) celebrates 10 years of effective giving, thriving communities and enriched lives. With our guidance and support, donations from local families, companies, other charitable trusts and public organisations have funded grants of over £7 million to help to improve the quality of life of people living across the county, especially those who are disadvantaged.

Achieving improved quality of life is about successful outcomes and impacts – the changes or benefits that result from what a charity or project provides. It means really making a difference. It is not just about the number of lives touched or training and mentoring sessions delivered, but the effect a project has on people's lives. Impact, or more properly social impact, is how the work to improve the outcomes for beneficiaries translates into positive changes for our communities and society in general.

This is CCF's first report on how our donors' funding makes a real difference and impacts people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

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This report focuses on four beneficiary groups.

The photographs and quotes throughout the report are from some of the projects that received funding from CCF in 2013. Details of the organisations featured can be found at the back of this report.

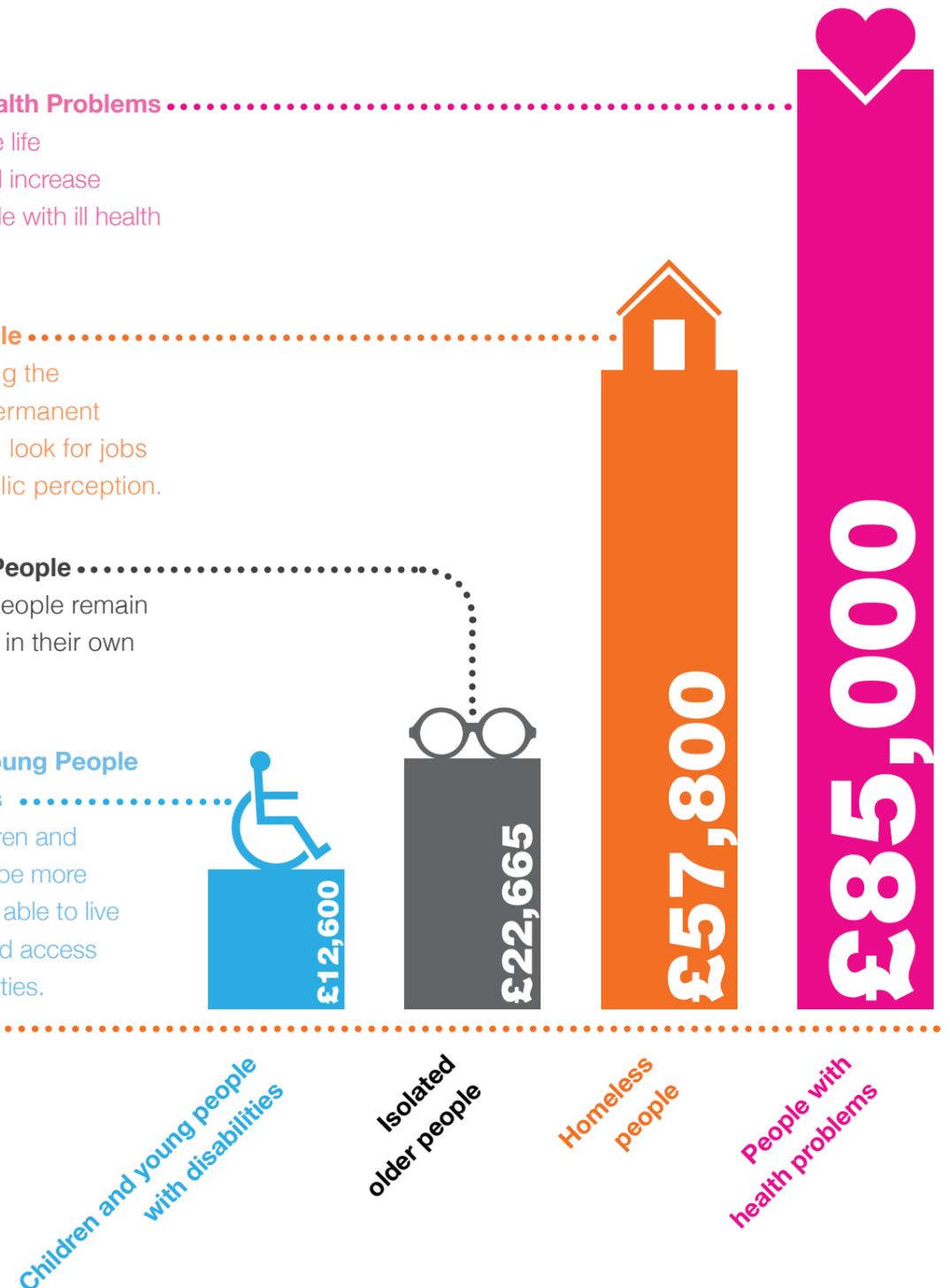
In 2013, CCF awarded just over £1.3 million in grants to projects working with a range of beneficiaries including:

People with Health Problems
– To help improve life opportunities and increase inclusion of people with ill health and disabilities.

Homeless People
– Towards helping the homeless find permanent accommodation, look for jobs and change public perception.

Isolated Older People
– To help older people remain healthy and stay in their own homes.

Children and Young People with Disabilities
– To enable children and young people to be more socially included, able to live independently and access greater opportunities.



Isolated Older People

- IMPROVED SOCIAL INCLUSION
- MORE INDEPENDENT LIVING
- REDUCED INTERVENTION FROM PUBLIC BODIES

Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme



“ Her daughter is very grateful for the service and has reported that without it she would not be confident enough to leave her Mum living at home and she would have to move into a care home ”

Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme

“ The lady said that she was 'invigorated by the student's lively mind and scholarship' ”

Cambridge Student Community Action

+10 improved long-term health prospects 

8 enabled to remain in their homes 

121 elderly people supported 

Ely Parish Nurse

The Ely Parish Nurse Scheme provides help and support for the elderly to help them stay in their own homes, providing a better quality of life and less cost to society.

“ The parish nurse provided impartial, unbiased, caring advice and support that we could not have obtained from anywhere else. ”

£2,000
Grant from CCF



Children and Young People with Disabilities

- IMPROVED SOCIAL INCLUSION
- IMPROVED FAMILY STABILITY
- IMPROVED LIFE OPPORTUNITIES



Little Miracles Peterborough

“We don't have many friends, due to our children's disabilities and their behavioural problems. At Family Voice outings we meet people with the same problems, who understand and do not stare at us and ask us what's wrong”

Family Voice Peterborough



1 successfully auditioned for a film

25 students with learning disabilities took certified arts and drama exams with 100% success!

6 dancers auditioned for 'Britain's Got Talent'



Bedazzle

Bedazzle runs Performing Arts Courses for mainstream students and those with special needs.

“On the first day of Bedazzle, I was shy, worried and nervous. But now I feel part of the group.”

£1,200 Grant from CCF



The Blue Smile Project

People with Health Problems

- IMPROVED LIFE OPPORTUNITIES
- IMPROVED LONG TERM HEALTH AND FITNESS
- REDUCED ISOLATION



Headway Cambridgeshire

“With the provision of transport covered by Red2Green our clients have had the chance to attend social activities, build friendships and to go on day-trips”

Red2Green

4 people gained work experience through volunteer placements



100 people with learning disabilities experienced reduced isolation



16 carers/support workers accessed peer support



VoiceAbility

VoiceAbility's Dreamers' Bar provides a valuable social outlet for people with learning disabilities, autistic spectrum conditions and physical difficulties.

“A chance to meet new people they would not otherwise get a chance to meet.”



Arthur Rank Hospice Charity



£1,200
Grant
from CCF

Homeless People

- IMPROVED SOCIAL INCLUSION
- MORE INDEPENDENT LIVING
- LESS PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES



“66% of people in latest project moved into work and accommodation”
Rosmini Centre Wisbech

“I look forward to coming to Street Voices on Fridays, to come singing. It makes me happy when I know I'm coming somewhere, and learning something and listening”
Talking in Tune (Street Voices)

“When Trevor first walked in he didn't imagine he would be cooking for a community café. In February Trevor received his certificate for Level 2 NVQ in Food Preparation and Cooking”



37 gained Level 2 NVQ food safety certificate

33 homeless people gained work experience



8 completed a café placement and found employment



Wintercomfort Food4Food Café

The Wintercomfort Food4Food Café operating at St Andrew's Church, Cambridge has established a good reputation for food quality and service. Their clients have achieved qualifications in catering and food service.

“I've had brilliant support from the staff and trainers”





Cambridgeshire Community Foundation is the hub for community philanthropy in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – inspiring and supporting effective giving that strengthens communities and enriches local life.

More information about our work, our trustees, our donors and the groups they enable us to support can be found on our website www.cambscf.org.uk

Voluntary organisations featured in this report:

Cambridge Student Community Action provides support to disadvantaged children and the elderly.

Ely Parish Nurse provides health and support to elderly and vulnerable people to access services from social services, voluntary groups and professional health care bodies.

Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme offers support to elderly or infirm people living in their own homes in Great Shelford.

Family Voice Peterborough seeks to improve services for children and young people with disabilities or additional needs.

Bedazzle provides support to students with special needs, through the performing arts.

Little Miracles Peterborough provides support for children with additional needs, disabilities and life limiting conditions.

The Blue Smile Project provides specialised therapeutic support and mentoring to children at risk of long-term mental illness.

Headway Cambridgeshire strives to improve the life of people who have experienced brain injury, their family and friends.

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity provides end of life care, counselling and support for adult patients with life limiting illness.

Red2Green works with people with disabilities and disadvantages.

VoiceAbility provides a range of self-advocacy initiatives which aim to increase the confidence and skills of people with health, learning and other disabilities.

Talking in Tune (Street Voices) provides singing and music making opportunities for those in danger of isolation and exclusion.

Rosmini Centre Wisbech provides a range of services and activities that promote community cohesion.

Wintercomfort provides a safe and sheltered environment for rough sleepers, along with learning and development support.

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