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Impact Update: Aston Wood Golf Club



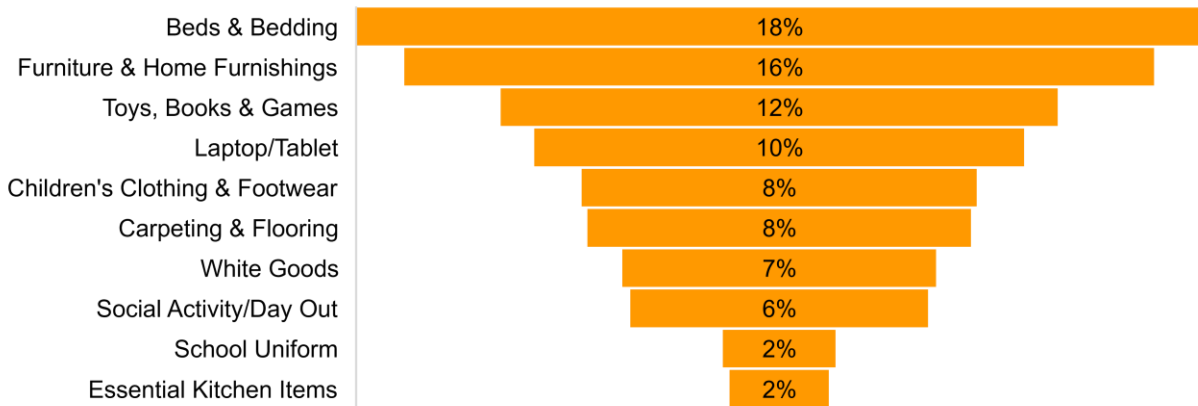
Thank you to the Aston Wood Golf Club for your very generous donation of £62,785. Your donation has been split between Chances for Children Grants and Boarding grants.

Your support provided 19 Chances for Children grants supporting 54 children and young people at a total value of £32,953. All the funding has been granted in the West Midlands where 35% of children live in poverty despite more than 70% of them having one or more working parents.

Where the grants have been given:

Local Authority	No. of Cases	No. of Children	Value of Spend
Birmingham	9	19	£14,121
Bromsgrove	1	2	£1,770
Coventry	2	4	£3,326
Dudley	1	4	£1,370
Solihull	1	5	£2,400
Staffordshire	2	10	£5,245
Walsall	2	8	£2,694
Wolverhampton	1	2	£2,027
TOTAL	19	54	£32,953

Top 10 Items you funded:



What our grantees and their support workers say:

"I'm just sending an email of thanks to you at Buttle UK. I have been lucky & so grateful to receive some money from you to help this hard transition at this time in our lives.. your help has greatly helped my children in many areas at this difficult time.. I have been so lucky to have received so much kind help & support that I never knew was available to people when they find themselves in these positions.. once again thank you thank you thank you. "

"I can't thank you enough for your generosity it has enabled the family to now make a home. I am due to visit them during the next half term but when I met mum yesterday, she was overwhelmed by the support. It has made such a difference to them already and will enable them to make some precious memories."



“They had nothing, their confidence has gone up tenfold especially with having decent clothing”
– Chances for Children Grantee

Chances for Children Case Study:

Aidan (age 12) and Noah (age 9) fled domestic abuse with their mother 6 months ago. They moved into a refuge but their father continued to show up at school to harass them and their mother. Police have now intervened, but the children are still struggling with the impact of everything they experienced.

At home Aidan and Noah have a very tense and aggressive relationships with each other. At school they are extremely quiet and withdrawn. Both boys have very few friends and do not engage with lessons or other students. Their feelings about school have been made more complicated by their father’s behaviour, as it makes them feel like school is not a safe space.

They recently moved into a new home after refuge, but a lot of basic furniture was missing. Thanks to your generous donation, our Chances for Children grants were able to help Aidan and Noah. You provided beds, bedding, storage and soft furnishings to create cozy rooms the boys can feel at home in. You also provided a sofa, table and chairs, cooker and kitchen items for the rest of the house. To support the boys learning, you provided a year of internet so they can keep up with homework and lessons. Finally, to help the boys socialise, you provided music lessons for Aidan, and football for Noah.

The Difference a Chances for Children grant makes

Our grant giving aims to improve children’s emotional and social wellbeing and increase their capacity to engage in education and learning by improving the child’s home environment and helping them to access opportunities to learn and socialise in the wider community.

85% of children are more engaged in education



95% of children have a better physical home environment



88% of children have more self confidence



Support to Boarding

The remaining £30,000 of your donation has supported six young people to attend boarding school. Buttle UK has been working to fund vulnerable children to attend boarding schools for most of its 70-year history. The reason we do this is because of children like Hannah (name changed to protect anonymity).

Hannah, aged 11, lives alone with her Step-grandmother under a Special Guardianship Order. She has no other family able to support her. Hannah's mother is a drug user who lives in a residential mental health care unit. Her maternal grandfather used to live with the family but has recently moved away as he too was struggling with depression and alcohol misuse. Finances are extremely tight, and Hannah's step-grandmother's health is deteriorating, taking care of Hannah has become an even greater challenge.

A child in circumstances such as Hannah, may be getting help from her school or social services, however, this will not dramatically change things in the home. In the long run, the situation would continue to impact her wellbeing and her education, and there is likely to be an even greater need for social care intervention, including the possibility of foster care. However, support for boarding offers another alternative path.



Hannah starts boarding school in Year 8, and providing nothing changes in her family's circumstances, Buttle UK will support her in boarding until the end of year 11. When we take a child into this programme, we engage their family, their support worker, and a partnering boarding school to create a suitable support package for the child. Boarding places are entirely co-funded by Buttle UK, the partner school and occasionally other third-party funders such as local authorities or other charitable trusts. We also work to ensure that families have support around additional costs such as school uniforms, weekend activities, and extra-curricular activities.

When we can build that great package of support with a school it can be life-changing. Academically, the children we support achieve higher in their GCSE's than the national average, but even more importantly from our perspective, they report significant improvements in their emotional and social well-being. Here is what one boarder said of their experience:

"I don't want to think how my life would be if I hadn't attended boarding school because it would be probably awful and I'm so grateful to be here"

As a result of the legacy of **Buttle UK's** founder **Frank Buttle**, the Charity can meet all of its administration costs – this means that **100% of the funds raised** go to providing our grants for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in the UK today.