



Beneficial Hawaiian Street Party SPECIAL

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- Update from our Chairman
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- More on the Street Party

On Wednesday 4th August, we held our very first *Beneficial Street Party, with an Hawaiian Theme!* What a fantastic day of fun we all had.



It all started at 10am and included a whole variety of fun activities and stalls, including face painting, a bouncy castle, tombola, raffle, lucky dip, guess the sweets in a jar, name the gorilla, stocks, skittles, hawaiian tropics and LOADS more.

We had the Three Amigos serving food and drink throughout the event.



Our Staff, Volunteers and Trainees all had a brilliant time taking part with the day—people in the stocks, in the dunk tank. You

name it we all took part.



We were lucky enough to have support from other local organisations, including the Blue Reef, the Vanguard Centre, Caterpillar Crafts, Monkey Bizness, Zigaban, Catherine Hind Jewellery, Labrador Lifeline Trust, Connexions, the Fire Brigade and Portsmouth Football Club.



As you will see from the photos the rain did not stop us and we raised over £760 for the Charity, as well as raising awareness for the Charity within our City.



*Roll Up Roll Up
Come and Buy Your Tickets*



Skittles of fun.



Labrador Lifeline Trust

We already have ideas for next year's Street Party! Details will be on our website nearer to the event - www.beneficial.org.uk.

If you would like to take part next year, please contact Rachel on 023 92733822.

A Day of Fun at our Hawaiian Street Party!



Leon, Darren and Sophie manning the Lucky Dip stand.



Steve and Sally face painting?!?!?



What a sport Peter Fear is. First one in the stocks!



Want to buy a Teddy! Daryl with the Teddy Raffle



Did you name the Gorilla? Gary, Jan & Paul.



Emma face painting for the day.



Even our Trustees can't escape!



The Three Amigos!



Dave apple bobbing.



Rhys with Edgar!



Johnathan with Zigaban showing them how it's done!



Simon and Andy from Zigaban



Miss Hawaiian Tropics



Come and hook a duck!



Who says BIG KIDS CAN'T JUMP!!!

And a Big Thank You to our Dunkers!!!



First in was Nick



Then in was Paul



As well as Ryan



And Miles



Next was our very own Kathy



As well as Dave



And another of our Daves



And then our very own Carl.



Sorry Kathy couldn't resist.

Update from Chief Executive, Jennie Brent



Jennie after a session on the bouncy castle at our Hawaiian Street Party.

Receiving a Grade 2 from our Ofsted inspection was fantastic. Our Steps to Success programme is developing so positively, well done to the training team. Lots of new training initiatives in place now alongside our newly developed course 'Steps to Work'. This course is a bridging course which will enhance opportunities for trainees to gain employment.

Our weekend shows have been a real success. All the staff who have put in that bit extra my heartfelt thanks to you. Working for a charity brings a set of challenges, being proactive and productive is even harder, everyone always expected to give that bit extra and the

meaning of flexible is being like a rubber band stretched all ways. In my book it takes dedicated special people to do that, so well done.

All areas of the training programme are now expanding so I look to the future with excitement.

We are hoping to raise enough money to re-vamp our toilet facility very soon.

The trustees of the charity are always there when I need support so thank you to them.

Our street party, what a success well done everyone. Well done for all of the organisation which went into the planning of the street party. Rachel monitored the event and ensured

all was in place on the day so thank you to her. We plan to organise similar events and definitely plan to have an even larger street party next year. The brave people who took part in the dunk tank certainly need a medal.

Matt was a real sport! So many people wanted to throw that sponge! Matt always rises to a challenge so thank you Matt. We really appreciate trustees who joined in on the day. I am definitely looking forward to the next event. I am always looking for new ideas for fund raising, large or small, and anything which will raise our profile so come and talk to me.

Jennie

Support from Portsmouth Football Club

On Saturday 1st May, the Charity was lucky enough to be presented with a cheque for £2,000, in support from the Premiership League.

Jennie Brent (Chief Executive), Jackie Auckland-Jones (Chairman) and 2 x of our Trainees Danny Wilding and



Danny, Clare, Jennie, Chris and Jackie

Chris O'Carroll were presented with the cheque by Clare Martin of Portsmouth Football Club.

This is yet another example of the fantastic support we have received from our Football Club and we want to say a huge thank you to them all.

"£2,000 received from Portsmouth Football Club in support of our Charity."

What a Success!!! By Matt Bowles

To all those that helped arrange the "Street Party".

I would like to congratulate each and every person that was involved in the staging of the event.

Whilst we can't control the weather we can make the best of it.

It was evident that a lot of people had put time and effort into the event and whatever the weather threw

they were going to enjoy it.

I feel the shape and design of the day including the layout had been thought out and utilised the area very well.

It is always a lottery when doing events like this within the holiday season, but the turnout was better than expected. I believe the turnout would have been higher if the weather had been better towards lunch time.

As a Trustee it was exciting and rewarding to see so many trainees and staff working together, manning stalls and games between them.

The staff should take a lot of pride in their achievements and the students should be very proud of their efforts.

Hats off to all of you and lets build on this for next time.

Matt



What a Sport!!!!

Our Street Party by Andrew Sharpe

The street party was very good and I took some photos of Nick, Kathy and Carl getting very wet falling into the water. I took some photos of Carl having sponges of cold water being thrown at him. It was a shame that it was cold and wet and I hope that it was not just here I hope that I got it at home for my

garden to water all of my plants to give me a break from watering for a change, because we do need a lot of rain for the garden to soften up the soil.

Next year I would like to do a performance of Scottish Country Dancing at the street party in front of all the Trainees, Staff and

Customers for more entertainment and to surprise everyone from one of their friends from the Beneficial Foundation, along with my friends from Scottish Country Dancing because I thought that would make a change for them.

By Andrew



Phil getting his own back with Carl in the stocks.

Street Party Review 2010 by Stephen Johnson

On Wednesday 4th August 2010 the Beneficial Foundation held an Hawaiian Street Party.

There was a lot of things to do on the day, including a giant football competition, lucky dip, bouncy castle, tombola, raffle and a dunk tank game.

We also had the Portsmouth Football Club Bus and the Fire Brigade. Everyone involved with the Beneficial Foundation also helped.

I helped out with the giant football game. This was fun as we had 20 people that took part and 3 scored 9 points each.

It was a lot of fun and I enjoyed the whole day, only letdown was it rained.

Lets hope we can do this again next year.

By Stephen



Steve showing them how it's done.

Street Party by Kieran Daryanani

I really enjoyed it on Wednesday, the street party was very good, in particular the Bouncy Castle and the stalls.

The weather was

lovely and lots of people were there.

The music was nice and the staff were happy.

I had cake and some of the BBQ and saw

my friends.

I walked around with Lucy and then it got wet, Yvette was very funny and happy, everyone was happy.

By Kieran



Some of our Trainees having a FAB time on the bouncy castle.

A Message From Your Chairman

I thought that I would take this opportunity to introduce myself to all those involved in the Beneficial Foundation.

I am currently the Assistant Principal at Charter Academy (formerly St Luke's School) in Southsea and am very interested in education and learning for all especially as several of our pupils have moved on to the Beneficial and I have had the privilege of seeing them progress over the years.

Outside of Education I was involved in Scouting for twenty years and am involved regularly in a church choir.

I have lived in Portsmouth all my life and have seen the

Foundation go from strength to strength over the last few years thanks to the CEO Jennie Brent and her team.

I have been Chairman for a few months now, previously being a trustee and am really enjoying being involved with the Foundation's work and seeing the students thrive on the different opportunities that they are given.

The recent opening of the Independent Living bungalow has been a real treat and is proving to be successful. I am sure that student's are really enjoying the 'Independent Living' course that they are now able to participate in. I have seen the students working and

learning how to make sandwiches and cook healthy meals. I had an absolutely splendid 3 course meal along with other friends and colleagues of the charity, the meal was cooked and served by the students and they were amazing.

I recently went with two students and Jennie to see the last home match at Pompey for this season, another wonderful opportunity that the Students have been given.

I am sure that the Foundation will continue to go from strength to strength and I am looking forward to being involved in the charity's 'Street Party' on August 4th.



Your Chairman
Jackie Auckland-Jones

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World Cup 2010 by Steve Jerome

I'm Steve and being a big footie fan, I thoroughly enjoyed watching the world cup this year. I watched most of the games and thought that some teams were good, particularly Spain and Holland. The final was a great game and I thought it would go to penalties. Iniesta scored in the last minutes of extra time.

I wanted England to go

further than the second round and was not happy when the Ref disallowed Frank Lampard's goal as it was clearly over the line!!!

Better luck next time!

The best goal of the tournament for me was Van Bronkhorst's goal for Holland against Uruguay in the Semi

Final. The ball hit the corner of the goal between the post and crossbar and went in.

I am also a big Pompey fan and have been to a few games at Fratton Park, and would like to go to more in the future. I also enjoy playing football on my PSP game have won a couple of tournaments.

By Steve Jerome



Changes at the Craft Shop

The men at the Beneficial Foundation have been working really hard to make our craft shop look even better. By carefully fixing slat panels to the walls we've been able to create more space and display things more easily. It's taken a few weeks and a lot of sweat, but we're nearly there!

We have started to get in a



small range of embroidery

items including sewing threads, cross stitch fabric and ribbon that we call sell by the metre. We are also hoping to start a larger range of jewellery making items. If you have any ideas about what you would like us to sell then please e-mail Sally at -

craftshop@beneficial.org.uk



Kevin & Peter helping with the new display layouts for the Shop

Gig at the Wedgewood Rooms by Sam Bell

Tickets are available from Sam Bell.

On Thursday 2nd September, there will be a gig at the Wedgewood Rooms for the Beneficial Foundation ran by Trash Arts to raise money for the Trainees.

Tickets will be available from Sam Bell.

The line up is full of exciting bands, such as:

- The Visitors
- Ugly Auntie
- Everything But Arms
- Split Personalities
- Heather Bailey

- DJ - Tom Leighfield

Tickets are £6 and the event will be between 7pm and 11pm.

All are Welcome.

Sam

We Need You!

"We need crafty volunteers to run various workshops for us."

Are you a crafter? Do you enjoy sharing ideas and working with others?

We need volunteers to run craft workshops for adults and children.



The types of workshops can vary from Card Making, Scrapbooking, Painting,

Sketching, Themed Crafts, Embroidery and more.

We would particularly like children's workshops to be run during the school holidays. Whether you can do 1 or 10 a year we would like to hear from you!



Benefits of becoming a volunteer at Beneficial Foundation include:-

- Working in an happy environment.
- Meeting and working with amazing people every day.
- Discounted Prices in our Craft Shop.

For more information please contact Sally at craftshop@beneficial.org.uk

We Were Back at the Stansted Garden Show!



Some of our Guys taking a well earned 5

You will be glad to hear that we were back at the Stansted Garden Show this year. The show was held on Friday 11th June through to Sunday 13th June 2010.

We had stands in both the Garden Area, as well as the Craft

Marquee. Staff and



Trainees thoroughly

enjoyed the event and looking forward to next year's.

Don't forget to check out the other events we will be attending and/or holding throughout the year, full details of which can be found on our website at www.beneficial.org.uk.

My Holiday in St Lucia by Katie White

I returned to St Lucia for my 12th time in February, it was good to see my Looshan friends again. I did a lot of swimming and snorkelling; I loved watching the pretty coloured fish. I went on a kayak which I can use on my own. I visited a drive in volcano, botanical gardens, diamond waterfall and Pigeon Island and went on a sunset cruise on the Brig Unicorn which was used in the filming of Pirates of the Caribbean. The hotel has really lovely

grounds and there were lots of pretty flowers and bushes. One of the plants had really **large caterpillar's on it and I** took a photo of them, after a few days the caterpillars had gone.



Frangipani Caterpillar

In the evenings there was usually a band and a show with the Almond International Dancers. I loved dancing to the band and watching the dancers, there was even a fire eater and limbo competition. I won the limbo competition and received 2 champagne glasses, bracelet, photo frame and a key ring.

I can't wait to return to Almond Smugglers Cove again next year.



Katie in St Lucia enjoying the sunshine

My Presentation by Paul Davidson

On the 14th of July 2010 I had a day to speak to some people at the Beneficial Foundation about the work that I have done over last year. It was hard work, starting from the 22nd of July 2009 when I started at the base and then I was asked if I would like to make a diary of the work of the days that I come to the base each week.

I write it out each week and then showed it a member of

staff and they said why not type it out and put it on display in a folder and I said okay I would do that.

Then I said it would be nice to have the pictures in as well in the diary so people could see the work that I have done outside the base with Ray on a Friday as he picks me up on the way to the site from home at about 8.30am.

So far the work I have done

has been in Portsmouth, Southampton and other places and I have enjoyed it a lot and I want to do more if I can do so.

This year my wife got me a small laptop for my Birthday so I could carry on with my work on it.

I would like to thank everybody that came to it and to people made it so nice

This is a picture of me giving a talk of my work at my presentation.



Street Party by Peter Williams

I enjoyed the street party very much. It was really exciting. I worked on the sweet stall in the morning with Kathy, her Sister Amanda, her Mum Kathy and her Husband. In the afternoon I worked on the sweet stall again.

Later in the afternoon it started to rain and we had to pack all the things away and take them all back to the building. Then I went into the Café and bought myself a cup of tea and I then saw Duncan Mathewson, I said Hello

Duncan to him. Duncan was very pleased to see me.

For the rest of the afternoon I offered to sweep the Materials Bank and the Warehouse until it was time to complete my Diary. I then did my diary and went home.



Peter on the sweet stand with Kathy and Amanda.

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Don't forget to check out our website at www.beneficial.org.uk. Add us to your favourites as we are updating it with new information and promotions we are holding, including the up and coming demonstrations and workshops.

Don't forget about our new Crafting Diary of Workshops and Demos throughout 2010, due to

popular demand. Check out our website for the latest details of events coming up. We have various workshops and demos going on throughout the Summer, including Card Making, Pencil Case Painting, Painting for Pennies, Window Hangers to name but a few. We also have some more **adult and children's Summer Workshops** for August too. So book your place now by contacting Sally on 023 92830056 or craftshop@beneficial.org.uk

Are you interested in potentially holding a workshop for us? Do you have skills and Arts and Crafts and want to share them? If so

please contact us on 023 92733822.

If you like this newsletter, then take a look at our previous ones to catch up on the work our Charity has been doing. Take a look at the News page (and the News Archives) on our website for further details at www.beneficial.org.uk/news.

Also don't forget you can catch us on [FACEBOOK](#) with pages for both [Beneficial Foundation](#) and [Materials Bank & Craft Centre](#). So log on and become a fan for the **latest updates, ensuring you don't miss out.**

We hope you've enjoyed our newsletter!