

Darby Rimmer MND Foundation

Care Grants Programme Report

January 2021

Overview

The MND Association is extremely grateful to the trustees and supporters of the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation for its support and partnership in the fight against MND through our Care Grants Programme.

This report provides an overview of the care grants the Foundation's generosity has contributed to through to the end of 2020.

This report also begins to provide some of the additional information we discussed at our video call in the autumn. As 2021 progresses we will look to build upon this further so that we can give an even more comprehensive report at the end of the first year of our partnership in May 2021.

Please note that the pandemic continues impacting on our abilities to collect some information and feedback across a wide range of our programmes.

Both Chris James and I look forward to talking through this report and any other aspects of the Association's work in 2020 and 2021 during our video call on Tuesday 2 February - including the ongoing challenges that we are all facing due to the impact of the pandemic.

Care Grants Programme

The Foundation's grant of £50,000 in June of 2021 has meant that the Association has been able to continue meeting the many and varied needs of those we support by providing grants for a variety of equipment needs.

The first £250 of each grant covered by the agreement between us is provided from the funds granted by the Foundation with the balance made up by the Association. The Association also covers all the programmes overhead costs.

The table below highlights the volume and value of awards and the grant areas supported. These figures have been updated to cover all awards from the start of our programme through to the end of 2020.



Numbers and value of grants within the programme

Category	No of Grants	Value of Contributions
Bed & Accessories	8	£1838
Mobile Arm Support	12	£2792
Riser Recliner Chair	95	£23,750
Other areas	5	£1,250
TOTALS	120	£29,630

Geographical distribution of grants



Beds (blue), Feeding aids (red) Risers (green), Personal care (yellow), Vehicle adaptations (pink)
 Note – no grants made to Northern Ireland for the Foundation's funds to date

Gender & age of grant recipients

Male	66
Female	43

80+	7
70s	45
60s	26
50s	24
40s	6
30s	0
20s	1

Some beneficiaries may have received more than one type of grant from the programme

Based upon these figures we anticipate the Foundation's funding will continue to support awards through to the approximate the anniversary of your first grant. Meaning that your second annual grant should then ensure near seamless continuation of our programme into the its second year.

In the meantime, we will continue monitoring the impact of the pandemic and should this result in applications for grants changing significantly we will discuss with you.

Feedback

The following are examples of feedback received from recipients of grants partly funded by the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation and which demonstrate the positive impacts your support for these grants is having on the lives of those living with and affected by MND.

"The grant from the Darby Rimmer foundation has made a difference to me because I need a chair that would allow me to put my feet up and ease the swelling that arises from the increasingly reduced ability of my muscles to pump lymph away from my swollen feet - the grant provided has helped with this purchase."



"My grant was towards a reclining chair which has helped me so much. I was stuck in one place before and getting up was so difficult. Now things are so much easier, I can get up and down more often. Thank you very much."

"I am extremely grateful for the grant, as it enables me to have a chair which is customised for my current and future needs."



"It just feels like one less obstacle to overcome and the knowledge of others who have experience of what may help you continue life to the best of your ability is invaluable."

"To be quite honest I do not think I would have been able to afford the chair without their help. As I have MND I really need a chair like this to help me with my mobility."



"It contributed to the expense of a riser/recliner chair. The chair gives me the freedom of being able to get up out of the chair without having to rely on anybody to assist me transferring into my powerchair. I look forward to many year of assistance from the chair, many thanks."

Ongoing partnership

As the world continues to face up to the challenges of the covid-19 pandemic the MND Association is determined to continue supporting all those affected by MND whilst investing in our broad-based research programme designed to ultimately deliver new and effective treatments in the coming years.



All our work is only possible thanks to the generosity and partnership of funders such as the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation.

We are, therefore, extremely grateful for your continued support - it is having a tangible and lasting impact on the lives of individuals and families through England, Wales and Northern Ireland through our care grants programme.



The MND Association looks forward to strengthening and broadening our partnership with the Darby Rimmer MND Foundation in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you

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