

Welcome

I hope this finds you well in these still challenging and unprecedented times. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those who so generously support The Victoria Foundation which helps to make it possible for the charity to transform so many lives.

In this issue you can find out how TVF has supported the Holly Lodge Centre in Richmond Park, is providing hands-free drinking units for those with limited mobility, and how you can get involved to ensure we can continue our vital work providing medical support and equipment to those in great need in our local and the wider community.

Whatever you do please get involved in the way that suits you and help us to continue to make a difference in the local and wider community.

See pages 3 & 4 and www.thevictoriafoundation.org.uk/support-us/events/

TVF's online auction of prizes is OPEN with so many wonderful prizes to win – place your bids NOW!
www.jumblebee.co.uk/TVF2021

Thank you to Petersham Open Gardens and those who raise funds for the charity

A huge thank you to Petersham Open Gardens for raising £8,000 in support of TVF, to those who took part in the London Marathon and 25km London Bridges Challenge and raised over £6,000. We were also delighted to be The Wharf's chosen charity for September and to receive a cheque for £693 from The Wharf and the Get Lucky Local community lottery. All of the funds will help to provide vital medical support and equipment. (See pages 3 & 4 for details)

Diamond Draw and Special Wheels Appeal

Christmas is a time of giving and I do hope you will join me in supporting our annual Diamond Draw and Special Wheels Appeal where we are raising funds to help children with special needs gain greater independence.

I am also looking forward to welcoming guests to our annual black-tie ball on 11th December and to a wonderful evening where the proceeds will help to provide specialist medical support and equipment for those in our community who have been so greatly affected by the pandemic.

Compliments of the Season and best wishes for the New Year!



Graham Ball, TVF Founder & CEO
and NVH Executive Chairman

TVF's Special Wheels Appeal for an accessible minibus for Clarendon School – please give what you can NOW!



Clarendon is a Special Academy for pupils aged 4-16 in the London Borough of Richmond-Upon-Thames. The pupils at Clarendon School all have learning difficulties, and many have additional complex needs including a diagnosis of Autism (ASD), medical needs, sensory issues, or physical disabilities. The school community is significantly more diverse and from more deprived backgrounds than other local schools in the borough.

Clarendon's minibus, which is more than 15 years old, is no longer fit for purpose as it cannot be used within the ULEZ which limits its usefulness and has started to cost significant sums in terms of servicing. In addition, it is not wheelchair accessible which means it cannot be used by several of the pupils, and as a fifteen-seater cannot accommodate most of the class groups with staff.

The school has identified a seventeen-seater lightweight accessible minibus which will meet the needs of the pupils and class groups and help to provide the rich and varied cultural, sporting, and artistic experiences which the pupils of Clarendon both love and deserve however has only 50% of the funds available towards the cost of it.

TVF has pledged a grant of £17,707.50 to Clarendon so that it can purchase the accessible minibus. Please give what you can and help Clarendon School get the minibus it so desperately needs – thank you.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/TVFSPECIALWHEELSAPPEAL

Clarendon's goal is to ensure that pupils leave the school as independent as they are able to be and to this end place huge value on ensuring visibility and participation in the wider community - the new accessible minibus will really help the school to reach its goal.

For further details T: 020 8332 1788 or E: enquiries@thevictoriafoundation.org.uk

[VIEW TVF's latest video HERE](#) to see the difference your support can make.

TVF awards a grant of £1,374 to the Holly Lodge Centre in Richmond Park

TVF is delighted to have awarded a grant of £1,374 to fund a new hoist for the Holly Lodge Center replacing the previous one which was 20 years old and was no longer suitable. The new hoist will ensure that the most disabled visitors to the centre will have access to the facilities that they need.

The Victoria Foundation is proud to support the Holly Lodge Center which makes such a difference to so many in our community. In normal times (pre-pandemic) the Holly Lodge Centre had approximately 8,000 visitors a year – reaching out to more and more specialist schools for children with disabilities. Without the new hoist local schools caring for children with profound disabilities such as St Anns, Bedelsford and Greenmead school, would have been unable to visit the centre as they need a suitable hoist to safely change their pupils.



'We are incredibly grateful, this makes an enormous difference, and the hoist means that schools for children with profound disabilities can visit us, they find there are very few places they can take their pupils too due to the inaccessibility of changing/toilet facilities. We also have some families visiting the Centre who will need the hoist to change their children. With enormous thanks.'

Anna Holly Lodge Center Centre Manager

TVF awards a grant to the Hydration Foundation.

TVF is delighted to have awarded a grant for £1,000 to the Hydration Foundation to fund one hundred Hydrants, hands-free drinking units, to help prevent dehydration in the elderly and those with limited mobility in our community. The Hydrant is a practical solution for those who struggle to reach, lift, or hold a drink without assistance.

The Hydration Foundation is reaching out organisations which support the elderly and vulnerable in order to get the units out to those who will greatly benefit from them including AGE UK Richmond upon Thames Branch, MND Association West London & Middlesex Branch, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Nursing Services Richmond Rehabilitation Unit, Parkinson's UK Richmond & Hounslow Branch and Stroke Association Kingston Stroke Support Group.



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If you know of any individuals or groups in the Richmond and Kingston area who would benefit from a hands-free drinking system funded by TVF please contact Mark Moran at the Hydration Foundation 07818 442024 or mark.moran@thehydrationfoundation.org

'I think the Hydrant must be one of the best things ever invented for disabled people. I care for a relative who is almost completely paralysed with MS and was constantly calling on me for drinks, because the medication she takes dries out her mouth. She is now able to reach the tube and drink when she wishes. Many thanks for the extra time you have given to me.'

Beneficiary of a Hydrant - The Hydration Foundation



How your support can help

The Coronavirus has had an enormous impact on TVF's fundraising income, and we need your support now more than ever. Every donation will help to make a significant difference to those so affected by the pandemic.

- £80 could fund a textbook for a medical student
- £250 could fund an elective grant for a medical student
- £500 could fund a specialist buggy or trike for a youngster
- £3,000 could fund a lightweight self-propel wheelchair
- £65,000 could fund a sixteen-seat fully accessible minibus

Please give what you can – **DONATE ONLINE** or contact us
T: 020 83321788 E: I.votier@thevictoriafoundation.org.uk
 Thank you for any support you can give which will help to transform lives in the local and wider community.

How TVF helps to transform lives

The Victoria Foundation awards grants to provide:



Mobility Aids for Children and Youngsters – helping them reach their potential.



Accessible minibuses – helping to prevent loneliness, isolation and keeping our community connected.



Toolkit Grants and Bursaries – supporting medical students who are facing disadvantage and financial hardship.

TVF RECEIVED A DONATION OF £8,000 FROM POG!



TVF wanted to say an enormous thank you to the Petersham Open Gardens (POG) committee who organised such a superb event on 12th September and to all those who attended. TVF is so delighted to have received a donation of £8,000 as one of four beneficiary charities. This truly marvellous donation will help us to continue to provide vital life-enhancing medical support and equipment. We are extremely grateful to those who so generously opened their stunning gardens and would like to also thank our wonderful supporters who volunteered and helped make the day such a success.

Events likes these are so important to TVF - please contact us if you can put TVF forward as a beneficiary charity of an event you are arranging - your support would be so appreciated.

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO IVAN WHO RAISED £1,700



We would like to say a huge thank you to Ivan Pryce - Headteacher, CEO of The Auriga Academy Trust in Richmond, who completed the London Marathon on 3rd October in aid of The Victoria Foundation. Ivan raised a fantastic £1,701.25 which is so very much appreciated. TVF wanted to say how grateful the charity is to all those who so generously sponsored him - the funds raised will help to provide medical support and equipment for those in our community who have been so greatly affected by the pandemic.

TVF has places available in the London Landmarks Half Marathon on 3rd April and Ride London Essex 100 on 29th May - for details see www.thevictoriafoundation.org.uk/support-us/events

TVF's 25KM BRIDGES TREKKERS RAISED over £4,500!



We would like to say a huge thank you to our fabulous supporters who completed TVF's 25km London Bridges challenge on 17th October. We had fantastic weather on the day starting at 9am from Hammersmith Bridge in Barnes, crossing sixteen bridges before reaching Tower Bridge late in the afternoon. The team raised over £4,500 which is so very much appreciated. TVF is so grateful to all those who took part, those who so generously donated funds and sponsored team members. The funds raised will help to transform more lives and make such an enormous difference in our local and the wider community.

'It was wonderful taking part in the London '16 Bridges' Walk this October; my first 'trek' on behalf of the Victoria Foundation. The weather was kind to us, the route so iconic and the event organised brilliantly. Having never met most of my fellow walkers before, they couldn't have been more supportive and encouraging. We all made it to the end of the 25km route at Tower Bridge together, tired but laughing and smiling. I'd highly recommend the experience to others, particularly for such a worthy cause as TVF!'

Cheers, Jo

TVF's DIAMOND DRAW – ENTER NOW - TICKETS £10



We are delighted our annual DIAMOND DRAW is OPEN - ENTER NOW for the chance to win amazing prizes including DIAMOND EARRINGS (value £2,000) generously donated by David's Jewellers, Richmond, once again and many more fantastic prizes.

Tickets are £10 and there is no limit on the number you buy!
www.jumblebee.co.uk/TVFDIAMONDDRAW2021

TVF's Diamond Draw 2021 will raise funds to help provide much needed mobility aids for disabled youngsters which will help them to gain greater independence and lead a full life.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmH-YerUpaU
TVF's online auction of prizes opens on 30th November 2021 with so many wonderful prizes to win www.jumblebee.co.uk/TVF2021

TVF DIAMOND DRAW 2021



[CLICK to buy tickets from £1 a week for the chance to win £25,000!](http://www.thevictoriafoundation.org.uk/support-us/events/)



[CLICK to register with Amazon Smile and donate to TVF when you shop.](https://www.amazon.com/charity?ref=cmH-YerUpaU)



[CLICK to register with Give as you Live and donate to TVF when you shop.](https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity?ref=cmH-YerUpaU)

Events

Events raise vital funds for TVF which help to make it possible for us to transform lives. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to our events over the coming months - all will adhere to the latest Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance.

2021/2022 For full details and to book events please see www.thevictoriafoundation.org.uk/support-us/events

- 18 Feb TVF Lunch at The Richmond Harbour Hotel - Tickets £35
- 24 Mar TVF Quiz Tickets £10 - Don't miss the chance to be TVF Quiz Champions 2022!
- 3 Apr London Landmark Half Marathon Reg. Fee £25 & Fundraising Target £300
- DTBC Apr Gourmet canapé & premium wine tasting evening - Tickets £35
- 08 May TVF Bike Ride Richmond to Windsor - Fundraising Target £250
- 29 May Ride London Essex 100 - £50 to enter and Fundraising Target £650
- 03 Dec Save the date for TVF's Winter Ball 2022!

[VIEW TVF's latest video NOW to see the huge difference your support can make](#)

If you would like to take up a challenge or arrange an event in aid of TVF we would love to hear from you. We will provide all the support you need so please get in touch. T: 020 8332 1788 E: enquiries@thevictoriafoundation.org.uk

A huge thank you to The Wharf and Get Lucky Local for a donation of £693.00

The Victoria Foundation was delighted to be chosen as the Wharf's beneficiary charity for September where a discretionary £1 was added to every bill. The Wharf then matched each £1 with the money being used to purchase tickets for the not-for-profit community lottery GET LUCKY LOCAL where 60p of every £1 goes to good causes. TVF was delighted to receive a donation of £693.00 which included a prize of £25 and would like to thank The Wharf, their customers, and Get Lucky Local for this wonderful support which will help to transform lives.



(L-R) Get Lucky Local co-founder Mark Taylor, John Hamblin TVF Chairman, Linda Duberley TVF Ambassador

To play Get Lucky Local with Tickets £1 in aid of The Victoria Foundation go to www.getluckylocal.co.uk/support/the-victoria-foundation TVF will receive 50p from each ticket and you will have a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

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The Victoria Foundation is the parent charity of New Victoria Hospital.

Get Involved

We hope you have enjoyed this issue - it would be wonderful to have your support to help us continue our vital work in these challenging times.

Donate

100% of the donations we receive help to transform lives.

- You can donate online at: www.thevictoriafoundation.org.uk/support-us/make-a-donation/
- By Bank Transfer – HSBC Kingston Branch
TVF Account: 01 56 33 27
TVF Sort Code: 40 26 12
- By contacting TVF - see below

Fundraise - within COVID-19 guidelines

There are many ways you can raise funds for TVF.

- Join us on one of our challenges
- Take on a virtual challenge in support of TVF
- Arrange an event in support of TVF
- Choose us your charity of the year
- Attend one of our events
- Sponsor an event

Volunteer

There are many ways you can get involved.

- Join an events committee
- Administration/Research support
- Volunteer at our events
- Become an ambassador

Join our Mailing List

For details of our events, activities and to sign up to our newsletter please go to:

www.thevictoriafoundation.org.uk

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