



We were absolutely delighted for our volunteers when their hard work and dedication was recognised at CTSI's recent awards ceremony. It was difficult to nominate volunteers as we thoroughly appreciate all our volunteers help and we could not operate our services without their support. **Lily Christie** received the Young Volunteer of The Year Award 2018 and **Audrey McBride** was honoured with the Newcomer of the Year 2018. **Val Rose** received Trustee of the Year [runner up] and **Rita & Sandy McNeil, Margaret Van De Merwe and Ernest Sangster** were awarded with a certificate of appreciation for their general contribution.

Gate Volunteer Awards Ceremony

We would like to invite you to a Volunteer Awards Ceremony on **Thursday 6th September 2018 at 2pm – 4pm at The Gate Centre**. We plan to present Length of Service Awards to show our appreciation for all your hard work and dedication over the past few years. We could not operate our services without your valued help and support!



Jackson says "Hi" to our young customers at our Friday Community Café!

During a trip to the Everglades, our Eve called on Jackson to come to her rescue. As her seat was too hot, Eve used Jackson as a cushion to sit on! Poor Jackson!



DISCO FUNDRAISING EVENT

We will be hosting an **80's Disco** featuring DJ **Maraca Jack** in the **Weir Pumps Social Club, Alloa** on **Saturday 29 September 2018** to raise much needed funds for our Charity. **Tickets cost £5**. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this event. If you would like to purchase tickets or assist on the evening, then please speak with Marie.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped during our School Uniform Bank this year. Although this project only operates for one week every year, it is very hard work throughout various stages operating this project. Although, it is very rewarding helping parents, carers, professionals and grandparents to choose appropriate clothing during the Open Week, we appreciate the huge task of sorting and distributing clothing and equipment until the project comes to an end. Therefore, we thoroughly appreciate everyone's help and support! Below are some statistics at our volunteers' request, it is good to know that we supported a vast number of children again this year to return to school with dignity and pride, whilst recycling good quality clothing within Clackmannanshire. *Thanks Again!*



We provided **317** children with uniforms and equipment such as stationery, school bags, lunch boxes, shoes, PE kits, ties and underwear.

All items were donated by the community.

In total, we received **170** self-referrals, **91** referrals from external professionals and to date we have received **56** late referrals for uniforms and equipment.

Quarter 2 Updates (Apr, May & June 2018)

Foodbank

- 16470 meals distributed
- 798 people supported
- 449 parcels provided
- 124 parcels delivered to referrers

Soup Pot

- 334 customers supported

Home Starter Packs

- 8 packs provided, supporting 8 adults, 3 children and 1 baby.



*Wishing
Margie,
a very
happy
70th
Birthday!*

It is with great sadness that Ernest Sangster passed away recently. Ernest was a wonderful man and worked really hard to raise much needed funds for our Charity. He was a very valued volunteer and he will be sadly missed by many.



Remembering our Heroes



Ludgate Church are creating a Poppy Waterfall to commemorate 100 years of World War 1's armistice. They are hoping to display a poppy for every name on Alloa's war memorial.

If you would like to help by knitting or crocheting some poppies, pop along to The Gate office for more information and knitting patterns.

The poppies are required by the 5 November 2018.

Ludgate Church will hold a service on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 11.15am, in memory of all service men and woman who served during world war 1.

Everyone Welcome!

Join a Social Group at The Gate

Do you like knitting, reading or playing games whilst socialising with others?

Then join our **Knit n Natter Social Group** who meet every Wednesday at The Gate from 2pm to 4pm.

Alternatively, join our **Books N Blether** reading group who meet monthly to analyse a latest read over a coffee and cake.

Places are available in both groups. Speak with Marie for further information.

We need a Patron for our Charity!
Any ideas or suggestions?
If so, speak with Marie!