

Backed by an endowment worth over £25 million, we believe in inspiring local philanthropy that changes lives today, tomorrow and forever to give as many people as possible the chance to fulfil their potential.

Quartet Community Foundation is an independent charity working across the West of England to support local philanthropists in their charitable giving and change people's lives for the better. Since we first started in 1986, we have awarded more than £40 million to local projects and charitable organisations.



## Why our donors work with us

We provide effective grant-making and fund development on behalf of our donors, and are:

- **Trusted:** we are a trusted philanthropy advice service, with a small, passionate team of expert staff with in-depth knowledge about grant-making and the local area.
- **Responsive:** we listen and learn from the communities we serve so that we can constantly improve the impact of our funding and that of our donors.
- **Professional:** we provide a timely and high quality service to our donors and to grant applicants.
- **Cost effective:** we offer good value for money and are regularly subject to stringent evaluation and governance. For every £1 donated to the community through us, between 80p and 90p is invested directly in projects on the ground.
- **Permanent:** we are a stable organisation that is financially strong and able to provide grants in perpetuity – benefitting generations to come.

“Having our family fund with Quartet Community Foundation gives us all the advantages of having our own fund but none of the administrative hassle, and we enjoy the added bonus of advice, information and access to projects that we could not otherwise have if we were working on our own.”

HELEN AND PETER WILDE, FUND HOLDERS



## In the spotlight: Young Carers

Jack is 9 years old and lives with his mum in inner city Bristol. When he's not at school, he looks after his mum who has debilitating health issues. Jack loves cooking for her but as he's only 9 he has limited knowledge in the kitchen, and was desperate to learn how to cook different healthy meals.



Through our grants programme we were able to fund a local community organisation near where Jack lives, which supports him and other young carers like him. The grant enabled Jack to access cooking lessons and new equipment so that he could learn to cook more varied meals for himself and his mum. Going to the lessons connected Jack with other children and young people in similar situations, giving him a much needed support network.

Helping Jack to feel that he is not alone, and that there are other people there to help him, only took £300.

Young carers also often find themselves in a vicious cycle of isolation and disadvantage, taking them away from social and extra-curricular activities and making them vulnerable to mental ill health and lower educational attainment. Local government cuts have hit funding for this vulnerable group hard. Our grant programmes, funded by local people like you, are being awarded strategically to fill vital funding gaps, our local knowledge helping us to build an evidence base with which to challenge statutory commissioners.

## Local social needs

The West of England has many areas of deprivation, with 1 in 5 of our grants made in areas in the 10% most deprived in the whole of the UK.

Our partners in the voluntary and community sector list the biggest current social challenges as: mental ill health; welfare changes; poverty; social isolation and unemployment. We address these needs by awarding grants across a range of projects with focussing on: health and wellbeing; education; learning and training; community support and development and access to sport or recreation.

## Contact us

Talk to us about how you can help improve the lives of thousands of disadvantaged local people.

