

Supporting National & International Charities

Nationally we have **donated over £8 million** towards the operating costs of **Hospice Services** across England and Wales since 1984.

In 2011 Warwickshire Freemasons presented the following grants:

- £3,800 Acorns Children's Hospice Trust (Selly Oak)
- £3,550 Marie Curie Centre Warren Pearl (Solihull)
- £1,000 Mary Ann Evans Hospice (Nuneaton)
- £4,300 Myton Hospices (Warwick, Rugby and Coventry)
- £1,000 Shakespeare Hospice (Stratford upon Avon)
- £4,750 St Mary's Hospice (Birmingham)

This was the LOCAL element of a total £600,000 donated by the Freemasons Grand Charity in one year alone, to 226 hospices across England and Wales.

Over £2 million has been given to help the victims of floods, earthquakes, famines, and other terrible events worldwide in the form of **Disaster Relief**.

Emergency donations are made within days of a disaster having occurred

- 2011 Australia Floods £20,000. New Zealand Earthquake £30,000
- 2010 Haiti Earthquake £30,000
- 2009 Cumbrian Floods £10,000
- 2004 Asian Tsunami, £135,000 emergency relief, over £850,000 supportive and ongoing donations

We have **donated over £4 million** to fund projects that provide opportunities for **Young People** to help young people achieve a better life and realise their potential. The projects we support provide stability for disadvantaged young people and encourage them to learn new skills and gain knowledge, which will help them towards a better future. Major grants include:

- Barnardo's, £200,000 since 1988
- Scouts Association, £500,000 in 2008

Other key areas of our community receiving grants from Masonic charities:

Medical research (£8 Million since 1981), **Vulnerable older people (£18 Million since 1981)**, **Air Ambulances (£759,000 in the last 4 years)**

The Masonic Charities

Nationally, our efforts are channelled through Four main charity organisations. They are:

The Freemasons' Grand Charity Donating over £100 million since 1981. It is funded by Freemasons and their families and is continuing a commitment to charitable support that began nearly 300 years ago in the earliest days of organised Freemasonry.

The Royal Masonic Trust for Boys and Girls To Relieve poverty and advance the education of children of a Masonic family and, when funds permit, support other children in need.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Committed to ensuring the individual's right to dignity, respect, choice, and control over their own lives is upheld and maintained throughout their later life

The Masonic Samaritan Fund Supporting Freemasons and their dependants, who have an identified medical need and, faced with a long wait for treatment, are unable to afford their own private care.



The giving to charitable causes, the help, relief and support of those who need it most is at the centre of all Masonic activities

SPRING HARMONY MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Warwickshire Province of Freemasons is promoting a Musical Extravaganza Charity Concert on 25th March 2012 at the Bedworth Civic Hall featuring the local musical talent of the Heart of England Co-operative Concert Orchestra and the Warwickshire County Choristers.

The internationally renowned artist Arwel Huw Morgan (Welsh National Opera and English National Opera) has also agreed to perform, as has Yvonne Howard (Royal Opera Covent Garden & English National Opera), and Radio WM's long standing broadcaster Ed Doolan will comper the evening. The concert is part of the 2012 Festival of the Province to raise money for The Masonic Samaritan Fund and the Organising Committee are now seeking sponsors for the event.

The event will be advertised to 4,500 Masons here in Warwickshire, and to a wider Masonic audience through coverage in Masonic magazines and publications. In addition details will also be included in the Autumn Programme Listings of the Bedworth Civic Hall, which is circulated to over 7,000 homes in the region. Sponsors will of course be acknowledged in the Concert Programme. Free tickets to the evening will also be provided to all major sponsors and donors.

We hope this will be of interest to you and would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss possible sponsorship opportunities.

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25TH MARCH 2012 – BEDWORTH CIVIC HALL



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