

## Fundraising 2006

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Over the years we have enjoyed every aspect of fundraising and have raised our profile in many different ways. Our fundraising is such an essential part of what we do as we need to constantly increase our funds to allow the incredibly valuable research work to continue. We constantly raise awareness throughout the UK and support others who may contact us in need of help and information. We hope to provide up to date information and work alongside the medical profession. We also host our conferences every two years which costs a great deal of money. We are hoping to organise a families day with children in mind which will a fun packed event.

We also write, print, publish and post information throughout the year to all our members, at present totalling 154 families in the UK We also publish our quarterly newsletters and send these to every person on our mailing list, either by post or electronically. We publicise Nail Patella Syndrome in as many ways as possible by printing posters, sending out collecting cans, wearing t-shirts, printing out our very own Thank you cards and as a result we need to find many ways to increase our funds.

### Here are some examples of recent fundraisers that have taken place in 2006.



#### THE LONDON MARATHON

We are so pleased to say that we had an incredible young woman, Cathy Mellor who ran the London Marathon for us this year. She is a perfect example of someone who gets pleasure and joy out of giving to others. She raised a wonderful sum of money for two charities! The money is still being collected, but it looks to be in the region of **£1,200!!** Not only did she achieve this incredible sum of money, but she ran the entire 26miles in 4 hours, 46 minutes!!

Cathy, from all of us, thank you so very much!!

#### THE WOMEN'S 10K 2006

The event took place on Sunday 21st May 2006

All of the women were teachers at Saint Leonard's Primary School in East Kilbride where Stephen Dobbins attends.

Thanks to these wonderful ladies, the money was collected and we received a total of **£673.50!!**



Stephen Dobbins trains at TaeKwon-Do. His Instructor, Brian Leckie has supported him throughout some very difficult times. Recently he was blessed with a beautiful new addition to his family, little Ava Sarah Louise Leckie. He decided that he would like to ask people to make a donation to our charity at the christening of his daughter, instead of the usual gifts that they were likely to receive. Brian and his family agreed to do this with the support from Father Michael Milton at St. Mungo's Church in Alloa. They collected **£250!!** We are sure that they will also have raised some interest and awareness into this condition, and that many people will be deeply touched by this generous gesture.

There are many other fundraisers that we have organised. In the past Lee Markham and Mick Smith took part in a huge cycle run which began in Land's End and completed approximately 2 weeks later in John O'Groats. Lee and Mick had been training hard and planning their routes for several months to undertake this huge commitment on behalf of NPS affected people across the UK. The men began their arduous trek from Land's end and planned to arrive at John O'Groats just over two weeks later. The Cycle was a huge success and they raised over **£1,000!!** The men and their families have shown such incredible kindness to our needs and we wish to thank them publicly for the sacrifices they made on behalf of NPS UK

I would also like to add that the kindness shown by Bill and Anne Sneddon, and Bill and Sheila Libberton was just incredible. They decided to arrive at one of the stops where Mick was planning on resting his weary legs and provided him with a feast I am sure he will never forget!

Thank you so much to all of you!

We have also had loads of fundraiser pub nights, raised a lot of awareness and increased our funds, once again. We have had strip waxing performed on Keith Dobbins and some male friends ...At each event we try to have the photographers from the local newspapers come along to write an article in the next edition of their paper.

**We would love to hear your ideas on fundraising or anyone who would like to get involved, please feel free to contact us by clicking on [npsuk\\_info@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:npsuk_info@yahoo.co.uk)**