

Henry Ford once said

*'If everyone is moving forward together
then success takes care of itself'*

If that ethos is transferred to a charitable or community setting then team work logically improves our chances of making our communities better, stronger and healthier places to be.

It is in this vein that local charities and businesses have been working together to support the Stanley Gene Foundation, a charity which is "committed to reaching the unreachable communities of Papua New Guinea and educating young Papuans, in order to give them the tools to make a better future for themselves".



Nicola Robson, James Newsom,
Les Howell, Chris Howell,
Stanley Gene

and the winners are - continued from page 3



Hilary Dickinson,
Elaine Gatman and
Councillor Pat O'Neil



Les Howell,
Emma Harrand,
and Frank Norman



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Co-ordinated by the Avocet Trust and the Smile Foundation, a number of local organisations including, Gosschalks, Select Group and Elite Office Furniture have come together to organise the donation, packaging and delivery of some 30 computers together with associated office furniture to Papua New Guinea in support of the Stanley Gene Foundation. The delivery will be utilised by rural villages and schools in Papua New Guinea to aid in the provision of teaching programs.

<http://www.stanleygene.org>

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Avocet Trust's West Hull Services

Celebrate a Night of Success

On Wednesday 30th October 2013 Avocet Trust celebrated with its annual Halloween Party and Awards Night at the Freedom Centre in Hull.

The function room at the venue was packed out. As always staff and service users had put in a huge amount of effort and arrived in some fabulously spooky costumes. Deborah Moore, Head of Services, welcomed all attendees before the microphone was handed over to Les Howell, CEO, and Frank Norman, Deputy Chair of Trustees. Deputy Chairman of East Riding County Council, Councillor Pat O'Neil, and Trustees John & Lesley Cartwright also attended the event and handed out some awards.

The year 2012 – 2013 had been a very successful year for most of



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Avocet Trust's services and many awards and special thank you's were given to reflect this.

Amongst those acknowledged for their work were:

Matthew's Enterprise Student of the Year: This new award went to Student **Chris Simpson**, for the amount of work and the effort that he put into everything that he did at Matthews Enterprise this year. Chris does everything with a smile.

Chris Simpson, student of the year, and Les Howell, CEO



Jamie & Ryan of Matthew's Enterprise

and the winners are...



Volunteer of the Year: This new award went to **Sam Chaffey** for the exceptional voluntary work that he did at Matthews Enterprise over the past year. Nothing was too much trouble for Sam who attended Matthews Enterprise almost every day and took on board any task that he was asked which he always achieved.

10 Year Service Awards: **Jackie Hinchcliffe, Elaine Gatman, Karl Temple, Milan Jaya, Hilary Dickinson and Emma Ince**

House & Garden Competition: Competition Winner: **St George's Road**, 1st Runner Up: **Saltshouse Road**, 2nd Runner up: **Middlesex Road** Special Commendation went to: **134 Newtondale**

Special WOW Awards: This is a new award arising out of the observed significant personal developments of residents in Avocet services. This is becoming an increasing phenomenon as residents life choices are increasingly allowing residents to develop their own personal life skills and to make their own choices.

Recipients of this award were:

Neat Marsh House: This was because of the major improvement in the personal development of all of the residents in this house although only one incidence was presented on the evening. This is a gentleman who amongst other personal developments now goes for a regular pub lunch. He recently took it upon himself to go the bar and indicated to the bar man that he wished to have a further pint of shandy!

Potterill Lane: Examples were given of a resident taking initiatives about her home and life style. One example was given of this lady totally unexpectedly deciding to undertake shopping trips to the supermarket at her own initiative, which has now become a regular event. This lady has since progressed to using the self service machines, putting her purchases in the bag, putting her money into the machine and then taking her purchases and her change home. WOW!

A special award also went to

Richard Smelczerczyk & Nigel Rea (Support Worker) of The 5 Senses, This award was for an exceptional project undertaken whilst Richard attended Matthews Enterprise which was recorded in a photographic scrapbook recording all of the projects that had been undertaken that year.

Special Awards: Also went to: **Coxwold & Priory**, The 9 Coxwold Team were highly commended for exceptional work that they had undertaken in helping a client through a potentially very difficult transition period by a representative of the Community Learning Disability Team (Teresa Lambert) based at Townend Court. Further to this the whole service received an outstanding CQC inspection report confirming the excellent work that has been undertaken at this service throughout the year.

Linda Baker (Community Nurse), For the excellent care and commitment that Linda showed to one of Avocets residents of the Middlesex Road site.

On one occasion Linda joined the team at 6am to take Christine to her appointment at 7am, and on more than one occasion she remained with Christine and the staff team to support them throughout various appointments.



Les Howell and Helen



Frank Norman and David

The staff based on the Middlesex Road site were glowing about the support Linda gave both them and Christine.

As this lady was unable to attend the evening, An Avocet Thank you Certificate, together with Flowers, were sent to her place of work.

Super Grass of the Year Award: This years Super-grass of the Year Award went to **Mark Clawson** for the third consecutive year. We were particularly pleased that Mark came forward for his award this year

Award for Excellence (in Matthew's Enterprise cafe), Awards went to: **David Cardy & Gregory Wilkinson**

Exceptional Service Awards: Went to: **Devin Allan & Andrea Kensington Key**, who were commended by doctors for their resuscitation of a resident.

Sonia Beadle: For exceptional service in making such a major and positive impact on the West Hull Services as reflected in CQC & Hull City Council Reports.

Gill Barwell : For her roll in so ably supporting Sonia in developing the West Hull Services to their current extremely high standards.

Simon Quinn: For his exceptional achievement in managing the finance functions of the Trust virtually single handed since the Finance department was so radically reduced and for also providing and assisting colleagues in Clarence House through major change over the past year.

No Sickness Absence Awards: For having No Sickness, vouchers for £200 were awarded to the following Prize Draw winners: **Ruth Barker, Christopher Walker and Emma Harrand**

Helen McCann: was awarded flowers for her recent bravery in coping with ill health.

Following the awards both Helen and David entertained the crowds with some singing. Jive Express, who were the party band for the evening, kept the party going and encouraged a full dance floor of Avocet movers and shakers.

Extremely Well Done to the West Hull Services!

The night was a particular success for the West Hull Services with St Georges Road winning the House & Garden Competition Award, a Special Award and Exceptional Service Awards went to several of the services staff including the Coxwold Team, Andrea Kensington Key & Devlin Allen of St Georges Road and to Sonia Beadle with Gillian Barwell for recent work in achieving reports of extremely high standards from the Care Quality Commission and the Hull City Council Compliance Team. There was also a further award to be given to this service which will now be awarded next year.

Well done to everyone who achieved recognition for their work at the October awards ceremony and thank you to all staff for your hard work, dedication and commitment. It has been a great year for the Trust. Let's keep it up.



Frank Norman & Helen undertaking the prize draw!



Sonia Beadle and Les Howell



Frank Norman, Mark, Les Howell