

BT BENEVOLENT FUND

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2017 Annual General Meeting

The Fund held its AGM at BT Centre in London on 25th July 2017. We were delighted to welcome a number of guests, including representatives from other charities we work with, former Fund Manager Barrie Seaman, and other BT supporters of our work.

Opening the meeting Tom Keeney, Chair of the Trustee Board, said that 2016 had been a demanding but rewarding year and the Fund was in a very stable position. Debbie Terry outlined income and spending during the year, highlighting the fact that grants of almost £732,000 had been made, and that income was over £1million for the third year in a row. The Fund was almost certainly the largest and most active benevolent fund in a UK plc. The meeting approved the 2016 Annual Report & Accounts and Trustee Board elections.

Special mention was made of former trustee and life president Allan Gore, who had died in March at the age of 89. Allan had made an exceptional contribution to the Fund over very many years.



So Far This Year.....

The Fund's made grants ranging from £90 to £4,000 for needs as diverse as new clothes and glasses, disabled adaptations, funeral costs and house repairs, to over 300 individuals and families. At the end of June we were also paying weekly grants to 212 elderly people on very low incomes. We can only do this because of the regular support of our 1,730 employee and 16,090 pensioner members.

Please consider passing this newsletter on so more colleagues hear about our work.



Christmas Cards

It may only be August but the Fund's already sold over 1,600 packs of our 2017 cards. Find out more and order yours now for only £3.50 a pack at:
<http://www.benevolent.bt.com/bf/christmascards/index.htm>

Employee supporters....you can now keep up to date with our work at our social media site:

<https://office1.bt.com/sites/BT%20Benevolent%20Fund/SitePages/Home.aspx>



New Case Secretary at the Fund

We're delighted that Jules Poole has recently joined the team in the new role of Assistant Case Secretary.

Jules says: "There's a huge amount to learn but I'm already sure I'm going to enjoy the work, and the whole team is so supportive."



This newsletter is being emailed to employee members of the BTBF, as well as some pensioner members. Please do let us have any feedback: benevolent@bt.com

Thank You

"I'm writing to thank you very sincerely for the donation towards refitting my bathroom and making it safe it for me. Now I can look forward to a daily shower again. To say I'm overwhelmed by your generosity is an understatement."

"I just want to say a huge thank you for my stairlift - I can't tell you the difference it has made after sleeping on the sofa for so long. This has not also given me my life back but also my freedom. There are no words to describe exactly what that means."

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