

Baby Loss Awareness Week



Baby Loss Awareness Week took centre stage. Making Miracles (MM) held four separate but related events.



On Saturday 14 October, Rochester Cathedral played host to the Making Miracles Big Knit. Over 140 committed supporters gathered on Saturday morning to knit woolen squares which will be stitched together into baby blankets for sale by MM.

That evening saw MM organize a Quiz Evening at St Stephen's Church. Some 60 MM friends (including many new ones) gathered to pit their wits in aid of MM Fund Raising.

Total raised for the weekend
£767.43



Wave of Light

On Sunday 15 October, as part of Baby Loss Awareness Week, the Making Miracles community joined the morning service at Rochester Cathedral to remember those who had suffered a loss in their prayers. Later in the day, a group of us met at the Baby Memorial Garden to create a "wave of light" to remember all those affected by baby loss and to commit ourselves to further and greater future efforts.



Hope you saw coverage in local press. If not, why not visit our Facebook or website page to see the full range of what we have been up to and what we have planned.

We are also currently negotiating with Rochester Cathedral to hold a similar event during our April Awareness Month so for those who came and for anyone else interested please keep a look out in our next newsletter for further information.

The Baby!

We are absolutely thrilled to share some news with all our supporters - we have partnered up with children's writer and illustrator Joseph Hopkins to create a book aimed at siblings and wider little family members explaining Baby Loss.

We've heard first hand from so many families about the difficulties talking to little ones about where their expected Baby has gone when siblings are due to have a new little brother or sister and the worst thing possible happens. It's absolutely heart breaking.

We are working very closely with Joe and he's been amazingly kind allowing every penny made on the book to be paid directly back into the services we provide supporting families going through this trauma.

"The Baby" is gentle, positive and calm - We are literally so unbelievably proud of this book we can not wait to share it with you!

We hope you can all get behind it when the time comes for publishing and the story will truly serve its purpose as a useful reference for the whole family when talking to children and adults about Baby Loss.

For more information about Joe, our author and illustrator please check out his website: www.josephhopkins.co.uk

Big News!

Please vote for us

Deadline is 20/12/2017

Making Miracles has been named as one of 12 causes in the running to be named Kent Messenger Charity of the Year for 2018.

We need your help to push us past the winning post – could you register and vote for us on the Kent Online website? You need to visit www.kentonline.co.uk/maidstonevote

Winning would deliver considerable profile for our charity over the coming 12 months enabling us to attract extra volunteers, funds and supporters.

You only have until noon on 20 December to cast your vote so please act now.

Many thanks, Team MM



Another Tick in the Box!

We are very happy to be recognised by the KM Charity Team and awarded the “Charity Mark” which is given to the top 50 charities that they work with! It’s the first time for this and we are excited our work is being seen and acknowledged in such a way! #herewegrow #teamMM #nooneisalone

Dates for Diary



Meet
Santa

Christmas Carols around the Christmas tree

Sunday 10th December 10am - 11am

Making Miracles Baby Memorial Garden:
Borstal Road, Rochester ME1 3BD
(Opposite NO.68)

Our Annual Carols around the tree for
all babies lost.

Each parent is invited to bring along a bauble in
memory of their baby and place it on the tree.
Families and friends always welcome along with
others from our community who would like
to attend.

If you would like to attend please email
sally@makingmiracles.org.uk or telephone her
on 01622 735230 and let her know .Thank you

*(Unfortunately, Making Miracles can not be responsible
for any baubles/decorations left at the garden.They will
be left at your own risk)*

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Ball - 12th May 2018

Dinner, Dance & Celebrate the achievements of Making Miracles



Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday 31st March 2018

Swanley Park, New Barn Rd, Swanley BR8 7PW

Family Fun Day
£3.50 per child

Community Stalls

Medway Hospital

We are back!

Every Thursday 10am - 2pm
Outside The FMU Green Zone

Darent Valley

Every Friday 10am - 2pm

(Unfortunately, we are not able to have a stall at the moment but we will be back on the 15th December)

Dickens, Rochester

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd
December!

Sainsburys Dartford

4th November

8th December

15th - 17th December

22nd - 23rd December

Alexander Suite, Swanley

15th November

6th & 13th December

Swanley Panto

21st December

Bucket Shakes

25th November Asda, Gillingham

22 & 23 December

Dartford, Sainsburys &

Small Tescos, Rainham

volunteer evening!

We would like to invite you to a Volunteer Session being held at
The King Charles Hotel, Gillingham on Wednesday 29th November 2017
at 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

Please come & join the Team and some of our Trustees for tea & coffee, a light bite to eat and to find out what has been happening within the Charity over the past 6 months, as well as what we have planned for 2018!

We are inviting all current volunteers along as well opening the event to new volunteers to come along and find out more about us and how they can help.

If you can let me know if you are able to attend that would be great. I also need to know numbers for catering purposes.

We hope you can make it and thank you for your continued support!

Kindest Regards - Hayley Spooner

volunteer for us!

There are many ways you can volunteer to help Make Miracles:

- **Work on one of our stalls** out in the local community – we also operate from Darent Valley Hospital every Friday from 10am-2pm, we ask for help one day a month minimum or to cover school holidays or holiday cover.
- **Knit or make items** for us to sell on the stalls, we are always in need of new knitted cardigans, blankets and jumpers.
- **Help at our planned fundraising events.** These are mainly at weekends and can include a range of activities from an Easter Egg hunt to a stall at Dickens festival.
- **Through gardening/ labour at our Baby Memorial Garden site** – located in Rochester; we still need help with this ongoing project.



Volunteer of The Year
Sue Hadlow

Our Services

Since July 2017 we are very proud to announce that we have helped, over 120 families through our Counselling Service. Also our community stalls, selling knitted items has raised over £3000 to help towards our services.

A big congratulations to Sue (seen here on the right) on winning 'Volunteer of the Year' for her outstanding dedication and spirit! Well done Sue!

Thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work and support!

We wish all you a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Our page is regularly updated with news, events and services. Alternatively you can find us at

www.makingmiracles.org.uk

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