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KENT HANDICAPPED CARING ASSOCIATION

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2010

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2011

Good morning and a warm welcome to you all. I would like to start my thanking Anne and Stephen Billings for allowing us to hold our AGM at their club house- we really do appreciate it.

This report covers the financial year from October 1st 2009 – September 30th 2010. We said farewell and thank you to Ann Widdecombe who stepped down as an MP and as our President at the last election. We are delighted that Julia Hands takes on the role. Julia is Chairman and CEO of Hand Picked Hotels and lives in Kent. She has already attended one of our meetings and we look forward to a long and fruitful partnership.

Income and fundraising

The Gift Fair of 2009 started the year in fine style. We celebrated 25 years of the Gift Fair with a new venue- The Schools at Somerhill in Tonbridge, by very kind permission of the governors. We raised £10,188(including the Grand Draw).

November saw our Golf day at Royal Ashdown. Despite fog and rain 84 golfers turned out to enjoy the golf followed by lunch and an auction – in total a stunning £17,000 was raised. A real tribute to all those involved.

Over the winter two afternoon sessions of bridge were held at Hildenborough Church Hall and the Scott's Project in Tonbridge. The committee came up trumps once more with mouthwatering selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes which were much appreciated by the players. A total of £2,384 was raised.

The childrens' Christmas party held in Hildenborough goes from strength to strength and this year raised a staggering £4,215. This is due to the efforts of the sub-committee who work extremely hard finding sponsorship and looking after all the children – no mean feat!

Spring brought our Fabulous Fashion Fundraiser held in Benenden in March. Our supporters didn't let us down donating an amazing selection of ladies and children's designer clothes, shoes and accessories. People came from all over the county for a bargain and spent generously – we made £5,234.

May Bank Holiday brought our Opera picnic. Sevenoaks School kindly provided the use of a fabulous marquee and all enjoyed champagne and picnics in the company of friends. £5,188 was raised- a fantastic effort.

We received a fantastic £9,889 in donations this year – a truly phenomenal amount. Special mention must go to ED & F Man who gave £2000 in lieu of sending Christmas cards and John Lewis at Bluewater who chose us as charity of choice (£3,000).

Many thanks to all whose generosity has contributed to this fantastic effort, we do appreciate each and every one of you.

Donations made

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| Fynvola Foundation | £ 18,407 |
| Headway | £ 10,000 |
| Tonbridge Mencap | £ 5,000 |
| RDA | £ 2,000 |
| John Graham Centre | £ 4,000 |
| Art for Life | £ 5,000 |
| Fifth Trust | £ 5,000 |
| Rose Farm | £ 998 |
| T Hutton | £ 457 |
| Anchor Support Services | £ 1,500 |
| Maidstone Mencap | £ 1,000 |
| Christmas card competition prizes | <u>£ 150</u> |
| <u>Total donations made</u> | <u>£ 53,512</u> |

I am sure you will all agree that this is an amazing total, especially considering the economic climate.

Visits

Jean and Mandy visited the Fynvola Foundation this year to see the construction of the KHoCA Day Centre. This culminated in the Grand Opening last summer, where Judy Charlton met Patron Hugh Grant! The Centre is in full use and provides a focus for respite care providing comfort and dignity for those with learning disabilities in their final years.

Ledgers in Paddock Wood are looking forward to the construction of their new garden pagoda later this year, Alex and Clare have both been to visit.

Janet and Vanessa attended The Canterbury Oast Trust 25th Anniversary Drinks.

Janet and Diana have been to the John Graham Centre in Canterbury to meet the 2 KHoCA ponies who are hugely popular with the clients.

Alex and Clare went to the O'Shea Partnership's craft shop on Boxley Road/Wells Road., Maidstone. They make lovely bookends and bits and bobs with wood. It is open to the public so do try and pop in!

Sue and Juliet attended the Scotts Project Elizabethan evening, a very lively event!

Alex visited Rose Farm in Ramsgate where the residents are delighted with their new polytunnel.

Diana and Sue have visited Tonbridge Mencap, who are thrilled with their new people carrier.

Emma and Alex attended the Fifth Trust Elham Vineyard Plant and Garden Centre opening, and met Pam Ferris who opened the centre. They saw the new KHoCA truck and recommend a visit, lovely plants, ceramics, garden stuff and delicious lunch in the café!

Forthcoming events

I would like to draw your attention to some forthcoming events. We are holding a bridge lunch in Rolvenden Village Hall on March 18th. Tickets are still available so do try and get a table together.

We have a new venue this year for the Gift Fair. It will be held at the Thistle Hotel, Brands Hatch on Friday, 7th October. Put it in your diaries now!

Finally I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work over the year, from waitressing to baking, stuffing envelopes to car park duty, they do it all with enthusiasm and gusto. We also have a lot of laughs and are looking for new committee members, so if you know someone who may be interested point them in our direction!

