

**THANK YOU PEARS FOUNDATION
FOR MAKING SUCH A DIFFERENCE
FOR UNPAID CARERS
DURING 2019-2021**

"Thank you so much. I'm a different person, you're speaking to a new me."

"It really has made life a little less stressful now support is in place for me and Sam. I cannot stress enough how much it means to us both."

"Thank you so very much, this money is going to make a huge difference to my life. I can't thank you enough- you're amazing."

"I am so so so grateful for this grant and can't wait to return to the gym and focus on my mental wellbeing."

"Thank you for all your support during my beloved husband's illness."

"Thank you once again for arranging to get me a grant for a cooker."

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this, words cannot put into place how grateful I am."

"On behalf of the family, I would like to show our appreciation for easing off the pressure from us at this Covid-19 crisis when things are very tough."

PEARS FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT CONTINUES TO MAKE A HUGE IMPACT ON UNPAID CARERS' LIVES

From April 2019 to February 2021, **£500,968.46** of Pears Foundation funding was awarded to support the needs of **1,892** unpaid carers across the UK.

SCOTLAND

£53,694.37 supporting **203** unpaid carers

NORTHERN IRELAND

£4,720.00 supporting **18** unpaid carers

ENGLAND

£410,308.68 supporting **1,544** unpaid carers

WALES

£32,245.41 supporting **127** unpaid carers

WE HAVE SUPPORTED UNPAID CARERS WITH:

1,025 GRANTS TOWARDS HOUSEHOLD GOODS INCLUDING:



237 washing machines and dryers



220 beds and bedding

530 GRANTS TOWARDS RESPITE INCLUDING:



440 holidays and time away from caring*

325 GRANTS TOWARDS TRANSPORT NEEDS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING:



177 driving lessons and tests



103 grants to help develop skills.

*Holiday breaks were taken when lockdown restrictions were lifted.

PEARS FOUNDATION HAS ALSO HELPED CARERS TRUST NETWORK PARTNERS TO DELIVER ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

£53,050 supported **1,882** young carers. This included **205** young carers who received a COVID-19 Emergency Fund grant for items such as laptops, activity packs and play equipment to provide respite during lockdown.

£16,500 supported **211** young adult carers via the Aspirations Fund, helping to boost their ambitions and transition to adulthood.

£75,981 supported **699** adult carers to access peer support groups (online and face to face), helping to reduce isolation.



As well as caring for her parents who both have multiple health problems, **40-year-old Marion** also looks after her two children with another on the way. She provides personal care to her parents and also manages their household chores and finances and gives emotional support.

The demands of caring leave her exhausted but after moving into an unfurnished flat she was having to sleep on a mattress on the floor. With thanks to Pears Foundation, Carers Trust was able to award Marion a grant of £300 to buy a new bed and mattress.



This will improve my overall health and wellbeing, It will help me sleep better, I will be well rested and will be able to carry out my caring responsibilities, thank you.

Marion is just one of the 4,684 carers we were able to help thanks to Pears Foundation. You can read more examples of carers supported at Carers.org/pears-foundation.



You might have heard [the carer's] whoops of joy from your office! Please thank the Pears Foundation.
Support worker

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