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NEWSLETTER

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Following the passing of Angela in 2012 at the age of 31, The Angela Lynsey Macdonald Trust was set up in 2014 with two main aims. Firstly, to provide grants primarily for children and young people, to help them find faith or help them in developing their faith. Secondly, to assist in the development of music in worship by providing grants for access to relevant courses and events and/or the provision of musical instruments. Grants can be made to individuals or organisations to further these aims. To date, the Trust has supported those involved in overseas mission and various churches, individuals and musical projects throughout the country to the extent of grants given or pledged in excess of £25,000. The following are a few of the many updates and quotes we've had from those supported by the Trust.

A FEW QUOTES AND UPDATES FROM SOME OF THOSE SUPPORTED BY THE TRUST THIS YEAR



For the LOVE of a Child

"Thank you for your very generous gift to For The Love of a Child. This money will go directly towards the establishment of a Sam's House project in Lebanon and will make a huge difference to children's lives. It will provide a safe therapeutic space for Syrian child refugees aged 2-5 years. The children will be able to process their trauma through music, play, arts, crafts, drama and stories. It will be a place where they can learn to be children again." (October 2017)

Project Update:



Sam's House Little Friendly Space was opened the first week of December 2017 and 60 Syrian refugee children under the age of five now have access to early childhood care and education, and a place to play.

Many challenges have occurred — the biggest was the forced decampment of the refugees that surrounded Sam's House by order of the Lebanese army. It was feared that Sam's House could be forced to move but it was, thankfully, allowed to remain due to its affiliation with Rayak Baptist Church.



"I want to express my thanks to the Trust for the generous gift of the electronic piano which will be available to groups who come to the Centre."

lain Walker, Director, Atholl Centre, Pitlochry



<u>A note of thanks from a</u>

<u>young man</u>

"Thank you for being so kind on behalf of your daughter, for sending me the money gift so that I can continue my music lessons."

The Wheel Trust is delighted to report another year of successfully working in schools and in the local community with young people and Church youth workers. We have facilitated providing school uniforms for some deprived young people through local churches. We've run a variety of school clubs for primary and secondary pupils which help the children and young people to explore their beliefs and feelings, enabling them to grow in self-confidence.





P6 pupils listening to the Christmas story at a Christmas Unwrapped

With the local churches, we have several supported residential events. It's great to see young people whom we've known for several years really flourish at these events, having a safe space to talk through problems and discover they are capable of more than they realised. We have also been part of holiday clubs that the churches run in the local communities, where crafts, fun, bible stories and games all help children to develop and feel valued.



We Would Love to Meet You

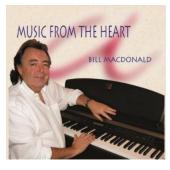


Angela's Trust is now becoming established but the Trustees would welcome the opportunity to come and speak at your church or meeting. This can be a five-minute talk or we are able to provide a musical programme to suit your needs.

The aim of meeting with others is not primarily to raise funds but to promote the work of the Trust so that others may benefit.

For further information please contact Bill at billmacdonald99@btinternet.com or

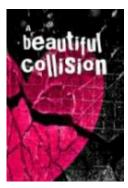
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Following the unexpected success of the CD "Music from the Heart", Bill was persuaded to put together one more, featuring again Tom Hamilton on Violin and this time Rebecca Hardie and Jim Thomson providing vocal solos.

The CD "Reflections" is a compilation of some praise pieces, old and new and some of his own material previously only heard in musicals or performed at concerts. All proceeds go the Trust. Both CDs are available from Bill at: billmacdonald99@btinternet.com priced £7 each.



A Beautiful Collision

In the year following Angela's death, the Trust chair, Craig Webster, wrote a number of poems which were brought together in a collection entitled, "A Beautiful Collision". This was published early in 2014 priced £5 and is available through the website.

The book title and title poem were inspired by the song of the same name found on the Album, "A Collision (or 3+4=7)" by The David Crowder Band.



Rebecca Hardie is an Edinburgh based singer/songwriter, worship leader, mum of three wee boys and a Trustee of Angela's Trust. She studied music at Edinburgh University and trained with Angela at Moray House. She has performed regularly with Origin Scotland in major venues around Scotland and leads worship at her local church.

Over the past 18 months she has been delighted to have the opportunity to record an album of her own work. Two tracks have been included on Bill's new CD. If you have enjoyed her songs on the album and would like to find out more she would love to hear from you.

Rebecca's website: rebeccahardiemusic.co.uk