



# THE MURRAY FOUNDATION

REVIEW OF ACTIVITY

2020-2022



## About The Murray Foundation

The Murray Foundation was established in 2017, to build upon the excellent work done by its predecessor - the David Murray Foundation - to assist amputees in Scotland.

That work saw the foundation recognised with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2006, a decade after it was founded by Sir David Murray.

Sir David and his family subsequently set up The Murray Foundation, to broaden the scope and reach of the charity for the benefit of a wider range of individuals and organisations.

The Murray Foundation ('the Foundation') receives annual financial contributions from Murray Capital Holdings and exists to fulfil the following purposes:

- to provide support for people who have suffered the loss of a limb or part of a limb as the result of a traumatic incident
- the advancement of health and, in particular, support for cancer charities;
- to help those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage;
- to donate to other charitable causes as the Trustees see fit.

The Foundation meets those objectives primarily by awarding grants to charitable organisations.

All applications for funding are considered in detail four times a year by the Foundation's trustees, namely Sir David Murray, David D Murray, Keith Murray, Andrew Godfrey, and Craig McDermid.

Those trustees are also responsible for monitoring the performance of the Foundation's investments, which are its primary source of income and are administered by professional investment managers.

If you would like to learn more about the Foundation's work, or make a request for support, please send an email to our office manager, Sarah Copland, on [sarah@murraycapital.co.uk](mailto:sarah@murraycapital.co.uk).



## Statement from David Murray on behalf of the trustees



My father established the David Murray Foundation in 1996, to provide support for people who had, like him, suffered the loss of a limb.

Nearly 30 years on, our family business - Murray Capital Holdings - remains committed to assisting people whose lives have been affected by traumatic accidents, but we do so now via The Murray Foundation, which has a broader remit than the first foundation.

The period covered by this report began in August 2020 and was therefore unusual in the same way as so much of our lives were at that time, in that it was defined to a large extent by Covid-19 and the associated restrictions that were in place at home and abroad.

For that reason, the Foundation was not as active as we would have liked it to be during 2020 and 2021, so we have combined two years of activity in this one report, starting in August 2020 and running to the end of July 2022.

We were delighted during that time to establish new working relationships with two charities - Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and Empty Kitchens Full Hearts – as well as extending our existing relationships with the teams behind a number of other causes we know well, having supported them in previous years.

One significant development that occurred after the period covered by this report, but which is relevant and worth mentioning here, was the change in ownership of Murray Capital Holdings, with my father passing the reins to me and my brother Keith in March 2021.

As managing director of our family business, I am wholly committed not only to continuing the work of this Foundation, but to sharpening its focus and increasing the contributions it makes to a number of important causes over the coming years

Murray Capital Holdings provided funding of £200,000 to the Foundation during the period covered by this report and we intend to increase on that amount this year and in future years to ensure the important work done by our partner charities can continue.

**David D. Murray, Trustee,  
April 2023**

## Review of 2020/21

Between 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021, the Murray Foundation distributed £24,000 in donations:

- Erskine Hospital – **£5,000**
- Herriot Watt University – **£8,000**
- Hospitality Industry Trust – **£6,000**
- Strathclyde University – **£5,000**

## Review of 2021/22

Between 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022, the Murray Foundation distributed £75,000 in donations:

- Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice – **£2,000**
- Cancer Support Scotland – **£5,000**
- Empty Kitchens Full Hearts – **£25,000**
- Erskine Hospital – **£5,000**
- Fettes Foundation – **£20,000**
- Herriot Watt University – **£8,000**
- Scottish Huntington's Association – **£5,000**
- Strathclyde University – **£5,000**



“ Empty Kitchens Full Hearts takes surplus food and turns it into nourishing meals for people in our local community – free of charge and without judgement. The Murray Foundation provided support that helped the team there kit out its new facility, ensuring that there were no barriers or interruptions to families accessing nourishing food.

“The generous support of the Murray Foundation specifically funded crucial kitchen equipment when we moved to our permanent home in Granton in December 2021. This support meant that we were able to put in place an industrial kitchen, which in turn has enabled us to cook, pack, and deliver meals to around 600 people each day, and to date a total of more than 1.7 million meals.

“Over the coming year and beyond, we will continue to provide food to people in need while building on our relationships with our service users, identifying and supporting access to other relevant support services. ”

**Emily Gifford, Fundraising Manager, Empty Kitchens Full Hearts**

## Looking ahead

In the six years since the Foundation was established, it has made donations of nearly quarter-of-a-million pounds to charitable organisations, averaging some £40,000 per year.

At the time of writing this report, in April 2023, the Foundation holds unrestricted funds of £1.8m, ringfenced for the purposes set out here and invested to ensure the long-term sustainability of our work.

As stated elsewhere in this report, our clear intention is not only to continue that work but to step-up significantly our efforts and the financial contributions we make over the next six years and beyond.

As we do so, we will focus on supporting organisations that meet our criteria and can demonstrate tangible social impact in the communities that are local to the various business interests we have within Murray Capital Holdings.

As trustees, we will continue to meet every three months to consider new applications and ensure the Foundation is funding organisations that are having a measurable impact in improving the lives of people who need and rely upon that support.

We look forward to providing further updates again in due course.



# Selection of our supported charities in 2020 - 2022



## Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

Providing an alternative to hospital care, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice has supported hundreds of children and their carers. They run on the ethos that every family deserves to make magical memories with their child, whether they have years, months, weeks or days together.



## Cancer Support Scotland

Scotland's cancer charity supports those diagnosed and their loved ones, and carers. The charity provides all support free of charge, such as high-quality counselling, complementary therapy, podiatry, and stress management services to promote mental and physical wellbeing.



## Erskine Hospital

Supporting nearly 1,000 residents every year, Erskine Hospital cares for Scotland's veterans. Providing care homes, social activities, entertainment all to benefit the residents' health and wellbeing.



## Hospitality Industry Trust (HIT)

HIT supports tens of thousands of people in Scotland working and studying in the hospitality industry. Individuals can develop their skills via the HIT scholarship programme, through a series of tailored learning.



## Scottish Huntington's Association (SHA)

SHA provides specialist support for those living with Huntington's disease. The charity offers a range of support such as specialist services, financial wellbeing advice, youth services, all the while championing to raise the care standard.



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