

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request funding to provide a day out to the seaside in the summer for volunteers and vulnerable families using the Generation Link Project.

Welcare in Lambeth is a regional Christian charity working preventatively with children and families in need to achieve a better quality of life for both children and families. The services are rooted in the Local Community with the aim to empower parents to find their own solutions to problems and effect change for good within the family.

Generation Link is one of the many services provided by Welcare and aim to recruit, train and supervise volunteers and then match them with families who do not have family support. These are currently 38 volunteers supporting 40 families involving 72 children, the volunteer becomes a surrogate grandparent. This work is of great benefit to the families in helping them to feel supported, gain confidence and become less socially isolated. Volunteers help parents with parenting skills practical and emotional support, and children to develop socially and emotionally through play and regular contact from another adult. The volunteers who are older are able to gain a greater self awareness of self worth and sense of belongings.

Both the families and volunteer live on a limited income. Families using the service have benefit as their only income, planning a holiday or even days away from home is unlikely as they are unable to afford this. A day at the seaside would provide a well desired break for families and their volunteer that they would not otherwise have.

It is anticipated that two (49 seater) coaches would meet the requirement.

Day trip to Southend **£468.00**

I would very grateful if you could consider this request. I am applying to the Glasspool Charity for additional funding and would be grateful if you could consider this request.

Yours Faithfully
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