Charity begins at home - Sullivan’s Heroes

Sullivan’s Heroes charity was set-up in 2014 by husband and wife Richard and Fiona Smith who live in Turners Hill, with the charity’s website officially launched and operational in February this year.

By Jacob White

Fiona and Richard set-up the charity after going through the process of adapting their house for their disabled son Sullivan, and discovering there was little in the way of financial assistance towards this, where the costs are in excess of a Disabled Facilities Grant awarded.

Tragically, after subsequently fundraising efforts themselves through various fundraising initiatives to meet the costs required for their home adaptations, Sullivan passed away in January 2015 shortly before the adaptation work on their home was completed.

Despite their loss, Fiona and Richard decided that they would set-up the charity to help and support other families going through the very arduous adaptations process for a disabled child and requiring to fundraise to meet the costs, and having nowhere to turn to for help.

Fiona, said: ‘There are numerous families in the UK with disabled children, needing to adapt their homes to meet the child’s care and health requirements.’

‘Whilst council grants may be available, in many cases these don’t fulfil the needs and additional funds, often quite substantial, are required for the building project.”

Sullivan’s Heroes offers fundraising support specifically for vital home adaptations – raising funds to provide a support platform and financial grants to help families create the optimal environment to continue to care for their disabled child at home, safely and with dignity.

“If you know an individual, or a company, who is looking for a worthy cause to raise funds for, then please let them know about Sullivan’s Heroes.’

“Perhaps you know a family with a disabled child seeking to adapt their house who could benefit from the charity’s support?” Fiona added.

Can you help Sullivan’s Heroes?

In addition to donating, attending a fundraising event or one of the charity’s events you can help spread the word about the work the charity does.

For more information about the charity, or to make a donation please visit: www.sullivansheroes.org or, the charity’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Sullivans-Heroes

Charitable donations can be made online or by texting HERO23 £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to 70070.