

The Foundation

The Foundation has successfully continued to make a positive difference in our community and we are on track to hit our £250,000 target, with our total to date currently standing at over £175,000.

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising, it's greatly appreciated by both Equilibrium and the charities we support.

As always, if you are fundraising and would like to reap double the awards for your efforts then please get in touch at foundation@eqllp.co.uk. We are always looking for brilliant causes to support and donations to match.



A toy story

We are proud to support the Toy Appeal, a charity run by Chris and Dee Drake, which has been providing underprivileged children in Cheshire with toys at Christmas since 2013.

This year a team of 12 Equilibrium staff joined the Toy Appeal team for a day to help with sorting and

packing the presents ready for the children. Equilibrium has raised £9,000 for the appeal this year with the help of our generous clients and the Foundation's matching. That equals 360 toy sacks! If you would like to find out more or donate, visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/TheToyAppeal.



Equilibrium staff helping out at the Toy Appeal

Clear out the clutter

Knowing that lots of people have clear-outs in the New Year, we teamed up with Age UK Cheshire to make good use of unwanted goods, donating them to the elderly.

If you'd like to donate or volunteer, you can find your nearest Age UK centre at www.ageuk.org.uk/services/in-your-area.



Equilibrium's Jess Carney handing over our donations

Barking mad!

Equilibrium client manager, Laura Stewart, took part in a 55km group walk last autumn along with her rescue dog, Flo, to raise money for the RSPCA. They raised a fantastic £700 for the Stapeley Grange centre.



Laura (centre bottom) enjoying the walk with her dog Flo



Need a helping hand?

All Equilibrium team members have an annual two-day allowance to take part in charitable volunteer work. If you know of any organisations that would welcome a helping hand for a day or two, please get in touch at foundation@eqllp.co.uk.



Educating the nation

Equilibrium is eager to help improve children's numeracy skills, so as you may already know, we teamed up with David Evans, former headteacher and founder of SARN associates to produce a financial literacy booklet for primary school children aged 9 – 10, to aid the teaching of the basics of finance in a fun and interactive way. We're currently looking for primary schools to get involved – the booklets are provided free of charge as well as full training. If you know of a school that would be interested in taking part, please get in touch at laura.robinson@eqllp.co.uk.



Christmas spirit

Christmas is a time for giving, and we certainly didn't forget that here at Equilibrium. Our Christmas jumper day went down brilliantly with staff donning their most festive attire for the office in exchange for donations to the Foundation.



Christmas jumper day at Equilibrium

Community scheme

Equilibrium's community scheme aims to support local organisations which help disadvantaged people, support education and development, benefit the environment and promote sport and the arts.

We are pleased to announce that we have expanded the scheme into Greater Manchester in addition to our usual areas, Cheshire East and Chester. If you know of a great cause that could benefit from a grant of up to £500, please get in touch at communitysupport@eqllp.co.uk.

Below are our winners for the past six months along with a little bit about the fantastic work they do in our community.

- Alderley and Wilmslow Musical Theatre Company, provided help to fund their September show '9-5 the musical'.
- Little Eagles, a not-for-profit pre-school and after-school club received a grant towards their new sand pit and bike shelter for the children.
- Mobility and Access Group, who provide transport for residents of Oakmere community in Handforth to doctor appointments, shopping and excursions.
- The Mill Youth Centre, a youth club in Bramhall which provides young people with a safe environment to 'hang out' and take part in creative activities.
- Chapter Ltd, an organisation in Ellesmere Port.

Though we would love to help all the brilliant causes that apply to us, unfortunately there is a limited number of winners. If your application is unsuccessful we do invite you to apply again.



Equilibrium's Laura Robinson (right) with some of the cast of 9 to 5

