

# Wheels in Motion

# News

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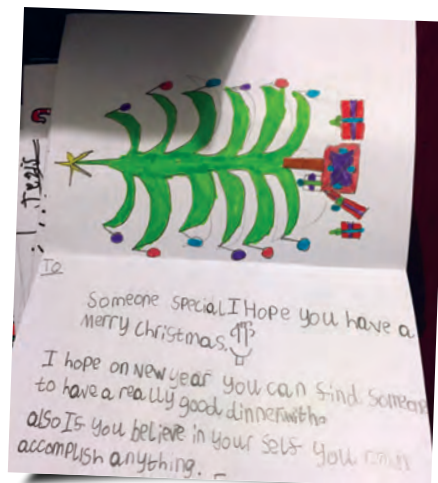
## Baby Jaxson

We want to say a huge congratulations to Lizzie and Daniel on the safe arrival of baby Jaxson - he's a wee cracker! Lizzie is with us most weeks, and we spent lots of time feeling Jaxson kick, talking to him and praying for him, before he had even arrived! I think it is safe to say he has been the youngest visitor to the bus, popping down to see us at just 1 week old - now that's commitment! We are grateful that as people come along to the bus, they don't just stay as service users, but become friends.



## New Farm Primary School

December saw a new opportunity arise, with an invite to speak at New Farm Primary School assembly. This was a fantastic opportunity, with a hall full of children all eager and intrigued to hear about the work that we do. They



were very receptive, and this was demonstrated in the lovely words they wrote in Christmas cards they made for our service users. They also collected an abundance of non perishable foods, which meant everyone at the bus got a large bag of food to take home.



## Sheltered Housing

We got a big surprise when invited along to Morrison Gardens Sheltered Housing Unit in Ayr in December. Jennifer, from Dundonald Sheltered Housing had been arranging fundraising events all through the year. This resulted in a huge donation being made, both to Yorkhill and Wheels in Motion. We were blown away by this generosity, and also grateful to share with the group a little bit of what Wheels in Motion looks like in action.



## Ruthy

I have been a volunteer with Wheels in Motion since it started 6 years ago. I have known Suzanne all my life which is how I came to know about it. I was 19, very shy, had no experience working with addicts or homeless so I think it came as a bit of a surprise to those who knew me when I said that I wanted to volunteer. I knew how much work it had taken to get it set up and I wanted to be able to help Suzanne make it work. I was extremely nervous going out that first night as I had no idea what to expect. We only had a handful of people come on the bus that night. My job was to be in the kitchen making the drinks and rolls while others were out the front chatting to them. After that first night the nerves went and my enjoyment of my time on the bus began to grow. The bus is very different now from that first night. I am still in the kitchen but now with another 2 volunteers making drinks and setting out rolls and biscuits for between 40-60 people. There are some nights when it is just constant and your kept busy all night and others when it is a bit quieter and you get a chance to chat to some of the clients and other volunteers in between making drinks. There have been a handful of nights that leave you a bit shaken but there have been many nights filled with joy and laughter. As a Primary Teacher, I have been able to talk about the bus with classes and making the idea of charity and helping others real to them. I have also been able to share my faith with others when talking about volunteering on the bus. As I look back and think about how many lives God has touched and changed through the work of Wheels in Motions I see how God has changed, challenged and encouraged me through my experiences on the bus. I pray that God will continue to work through Wheels in Motion to change lives.



## Christmas Goody Bags

Continuing with tradition, friends and family of Wheels in Motion once again provided generous Christmas goody bags for each person. We also received beautifully wrapped tins of biscuits and sweets from Ayr Hospital Pharmacy Department, which along side a small gift from Wheels in Motion meant everyone went home with their arms full, a small reminder that they are cared for over the festive period, which can be a very challenging time for some.



## Loch Lomond

They say a change is as good as a rest, so we decided a change of scenery might do some of our service users the world of good. We also wanted to treat them to a day that would be a real luxury, a change from the usual mundane routine, and give them a chance to focus on fun and fellowship without dwelling on the challenges they are usually facing on a daily basis.

With this in mind we decided that Loch Lomond would be a place of tranquillity, with plenty to see and do - and so we arranged to head off for the day in Sept 2015. Booking a 50 seater bus in faith that those who said they would go would turn up, we arrived in the morning to a group of 42 in total - an excellent response! The atmosphere was fantastic, and one volunteer, Jim, did a great job as a tour guide on the journey!

The day started with a picnic lunch, kindly donated by Heathfield Costa Coffee, Asda Ayr and Tesco Ayr. We were so grateful for these generous donations! We then had a wee blip with the planned activity, which resulted in a last minute decision to play crazy golf instead - we all had a blast, some people playing for their very first time! Following this we had a beautiful meal, in the lovely 'Kilted Skirlie' restaurant - everyone was well fed, and many needed a nap on the way home!

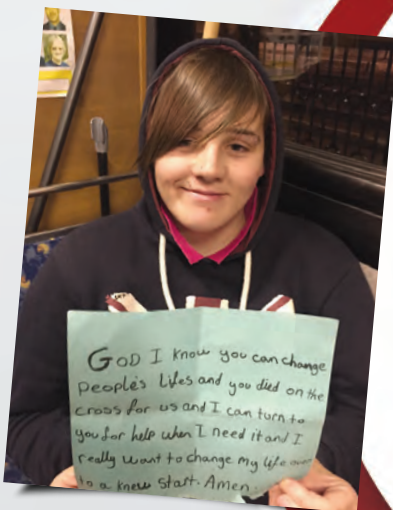
All in all the day was a huge success, and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. Lillaine, one of our volunteers who serves in the kitchen, said 'Thanks so much for the really really lovely day out...for me, I really enjoyed chatting and getting to know everyone better, and building friendships - getting to really know the people behind the names on the cups'. With the purpose of wheels in motion being to show love in action, this was a great opportunity for all involved to relax and enjoy a day out, while fulfilling that mission.



## Pray for Siobhan

Pray for Siobhan. A few months ago Siobhan made a decision to ask God in to her life, and the joy was so evident in her! She even brought along her prayers each week and shared them with the others on the bus.

Siobhan has however, hit another difficult time and is not doing too well - please pray for her, that she will know Gods presence and turn back to him, the only one who can give her fulfilment and carry her through.



## Prayer requests

For our service users, that 2016 will be the year they get to know God personally  
For wisdom as we continue to make decisions for the ongoing work of Wheels in Motion.

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“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in”  
Matthew 25v35

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