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Introduction

This report outlines how the generous donation from the Bill and Val Rooney Fund has been used to positively impact on the organisations, communities and people that have been supported during the 2008-2009 year.

As well as a summary of the allocations made, there are reports on each of the organisations that were supported and explanations as to how the grant was used. Where possible, evaluations of impact and relevant pictures have been included.

The Fund has been in existence for over 15 years and is aimed at supporting projects that involve the elderly, advice givers, the arts and those with a disability

All those associated with The Community Foundation for Calderdale want to place on record their gratitude for the support given over the year.

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Grants 2008-09

∞	Variety Club	£1,000.00
∞	Make a Dream (2 grants)	£2,000.00
∞	Warley Coffee Club	£2,030.00
∞	Heptonstall Bus Club	£320.00
∞	Hourglass Educational Arts Development Services (HEADS)	£3,000.00
	Total grants allocated	£8,350.00

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How the funding has been used...

∞ Variety Club ∞

www.varietyclub.org.uk

The Variety Club of Great Britain is an institution within the Entertainment industry and has long been known as the “Heart of Showbusiness”. For 60 years they have been the charity of choice for celebrities to use their fame to bring about a change in the lives of those less fortunate.

The Club prides itself on providing the small changes in children and young people's lives which make a big difference.

Their aim is to do what needs to be done to allow every child they help to reach their full potential by providing essential services and support. Whether it is funding a new sports wheelchair, a bathroom hoist or specialist bed sheets, they believe all children and young people should be helped on their road to independence.

∞ Make a Dream ∞

www.makeadream.org

“Make a Dream” is a Leeds based charity making “Dreams” come true for Yorkshire’s sick and terminally ill children.

∞ Warley Coffee Club ∞

The group was established in 2007. The aim is to provide a happy and comfortable venue for the over 60s, especially those who are lonely and isolated, where they can meet socially for discussions of mutual interest, listen to informative and entertaining talks and receive support and friendship.

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How the funding has been used...2

∞ Heptonstall Bus Club ∞

The Club provides transport for elderly and disabled residents to go shopping and have summer trips. The project this year was a summer trip for 14 people to have a ride out, lunch, entertainment and a trip to a garden centre.

∞ Hourglass Educational Arts Development Services (HEADS) ∞ www.heads.org.uk

HEADS is a community arts organization, initiating visual and performing arts, digital media and creative writing projects across Calderdale. HEADS was formed in 1999, and since then has been working with professional artists providing arts workshops for individuals, schools and groups, many of whom would not normally participate in creative arts activities.

HEADS aims are;

- to strengthen participants' practical creative skills.
- to raise confidence and self esteem through positive artistic experiences.
- to facilitate links between practicing artists and groups, thereby supporting the artist community.
- to bring together people of different ages, abilities, backgrounds and ethnic origins, to promote community cohesion and greater cultural understanding.
- to present participants creative work in a professional way

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Year Ending	30-06-2009	30-06-2008	30-06-2007	30-06-2006	30-06-2005
Endowment	£	£	£	£	£
Donation 03/07/1992					
Endowment at Cost	253,250	253,250	253,250	253,250	253,250
Market Value of Investment	296,901	328,819	362,277	334,793	307,795
Year on Year Market Value movement	-31,918	-33,458	27,484	26,998	30,054
% movement	-9.71	-9.24	8.21	8.77	10.82
Income	£	£	£	£	£
Net Interest on Investment	8427	11,515	8,905	7,308.65	7,720.75
Addition to Fund					3,130.77
Grants Paid	8350	9,872	5,944	8,423.00	8,056.00
Fund bal c/f	12,034	11,957	10,314	7,352.73	8,467.08

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FEEDBACK – EVALUATION

Many of the projects provided with funding are still ongoing and await evaluation. Below are some examples of how the funding has been used and feedback from the organizations.

HEADS used the funds to work with over 35 older people to help them produce “decadent flowery parasols” that they carried in Hebden Bridge at the Handmade Parade in June. A message from Jude Wadley, Mel Rix and Sarah Philipps included “We would like to thank you wholeheartedly for the generous donation...the ladies and gentlemen who have taken part in the workshops have really enjoyed themselves.”



The grant to **The Variety Club** resulted from a pledge made at the Yorkshire Post Business Awards event. The grant is being used to support the ongoing activities of the Variety Club in its work with young people.

The grants to **Make a Dream** also resulted from pledges, this time made at the Make a Dream Dinner.

Warley Coffee Club asked for support to extend the Coffee Club concept to include providing transport to their main venue for those who live in remote areas or have a disability. They also planned to provide volunteers with fuel for transporting people to visit the sick and lonely. They also want to run occasional trips to places of interest to stimulate thoughts and discussion. The 1st was planned for Skipton.

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Donors' Rights Charter

When you consider making a gift to charity, you have the right to expect that:

- All communication surrounding it will be honest, truthful and will comply with the law.
- Your right to privacy will be respected and you will not be subjected to any form of pressure
- Your gift will be applied to the purpose for which it was originally agreed.
- It will be used in a way that preserves the dignity of the beneficiary
- Fundraisers and the organisers they represent should consider themselves accountable to you for their actions and will be transparent in their dealings with you.
- Fundraisers will comply with the law relating to fundraising and the use of personal data.
- Fundraisers will observe the highest professional standards at all time.

Should you have a complaint concerning any of these points it will be handled swiftly and effectively by the organisation to which it is made.

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