

*Supporting young people for education and career development opportunities*

## Newsletter Reflecting on 2023

Celebrating our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022 and broadening our reach to support young people living in an additional four neighbouring villages - Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate - provided significant momentum for 2023.

### Expanding our Reach

2023 has seen us further develop our work in the villages, building good working relationships with primary schools, community groups and parish teams to help build awareness of the support JMF can offer eligible families. We thank these organisations for their help in signposting families to us.

### Building Our Team

We have also strengthened our Trustee Board and have welcomed new Trustees to join our existing experienced team, under the leadership of our Chair, Keith Andrews.

We welcome the new skills, knowledge and enthusiasm they have brought to the Foundation.



### Impacting Our Community

We are delighted to share some of the feedback we have recently received.

*“Incredible achievements. Congratulations!”*

*“I mentioned the name of the charity to one of my colleagues with school-aged children who is very familiar with the Foundation and highly complimentary of its work. It sounds like you do fantastic work and I wish you all the best as you continue to grow!”*

*“James Marshall's memorial stone is now a feature of our history timeline/wall and we talk to the children about his bequest.”*

*“Thank you for all your support – our parents really appreciate the lifeline you provide!”*

*“Thanks again for your support and the work the Foundation do in the community.”*

2023

This year we are delighted to have awarded nearly **900** grants, amounting to more than **£250K** of contributions towards positive educational and career development opportunities for our local young people.

#### Further education and work

**55** grants were provided towards helping young people access further education or develop their career in the form of support for equipment, training and accommodation costs.

*“Just to let you know that our son passed his tractor training last week.”*

*“Thank you for all your help throughout my time at university. I really appreciate the funding I received. I graduated with first-class honours!”*

#### Laptops

With the continuing importance of online learning, we helped supply **140** laptops and school-approved digital devices to young people, so they had the technology to support their learning.

*“Thank you so much for the laptop for our grandson, it was such a pleasure to see him doing his homework last night and enjoying something for the first time in a very, very long time!”*



#### Extra-curricular activities

Whether it is sport, music, DofE, Scout camps, dance or drama, we have helped **171** young people to follow their passions.

*“Thanks to your team for supporting all local young people to have positive opportunities that help them grow and develop as people”*

*“We are so grateful that some of our students can access music lessons. I hear all the time from families how much they value your support.”*

#### School and college trips

**204** young people were supported to attend residential trips both in the UK and further afield to enrich their learning.

*“Thank you so much for making it possible for my son to go to his residential school trip! He is thrilled and very excited.”*

#### Uniform/clothing

**314** young people were assisted with purchases of school uniform or with specific clothing required for their course or work.

*“Thank you for all you do and for the voucher for uniform, this will be so helpful and give her the same opportunities as others. I cannot thank you enough.”*

### Thank You!

The Trustees and staff would like to thank all the schools, colleges, local organisations and others we work with who refer applicants to JMF and help us deliver our funding effectively.

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