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February has been a very busy month for requests for baby milk, nappies and food as well as 8 requests for clothes and shoes. We also bought a stroller pram and a buggy, both for single parent very low income families. We have paid for a school trip for a child at St. Saviour's School as well as after school care for the Spring term for a child who has many problems. We also paid Ace of Clubs one week's holiday club for an autistic child who needs the continuity of care at Rouge Bouillon School. This month we also paid for 3 music therapy sessions for a severely disabled young girl to help with her breathing.

In response to a letter of appeal the crew agreed to a £500. donation to Caring Cooks. This amount will cover the cost of 1 month's weekly meals service for 10 families.

The totals for the month were 21 families with 41 children amounting to £3,216. 36 and the totals for the year to date are 42 families with 87 children amounting to £11,134. 20.

Regarding the request for an adapted car for a disabled child. A disabled gentleman contacted the Jersey Disabled Society and offered his car which is only 1 year old and still under warranty with only 6,000 miles on the clock. The car is a top of the range Peugeot Teepee and he was asking only £11,500. for it. I met with the Mum and the children and they were absolutely thrilled with it. The man is having the car valeted and serviced at his expense. The Mum has secured £4,000. A Lady member of Variety has donated £1,000. The Jersey Disabled Society are making a donation of £2,000. So we are looking at a shortfall of only £4,500.

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