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Anonymous Good Samaritans Receive Ultimate Accolade at the JustGiving Awards

Anonymous donors praised for helping to raise over £6million for good causes over the last 12 months

At their annual awards ceremony held in London on Tuesday, 20 November 2018, [JustGiving](#) dedicated their 'Special Recognition' award to the thousands of good Samaritans whose anonymous donations helped raise over £6 million for good causes across the world.

For the first time, the awards recognised the selfless contributions made over the last 12 months by this special group of people who used JustGiving to help change the lives of others.

Individuals that benefited from their generous acts include [Donna Corden](#), who was able to pay for urgent reconstructive facial surgery after she lost half of her face to a rare flesh-eating bug. And [Alex](#), a 12-year old boy from South Wales who was born with Down Syndrome and leukemia, to make his lifelong dream to visit Disney Land come true.

Keith Williams, general manager, UK & Ireland at JustGiving, said:

"This award not only celebrates the efforts of a selfless group of individuals, but it also highlights how some causes can transcend family and friends to connect and touch the hearts of complete strangers.

"Whilst we can't personally thank the thousands of anonymous supporters, who used JustGiving to help change the lives of people in need. We would like to dedicate this important award to celebrate, honour and thank them for being life changers "for good".

Donna Corden, Crowdfunder and a beneficiary of JustGiving's anonymous donors, said:

"My best friend Lindsey set up a JustGiving page shortly after my accident. And at the time I remember thinking this isn't going to work. As I genuinely didn't believe complete strangers would take time out from their busy lives to help me.

"When I first saw how much had been made, and what this would mean for my recovery, I burst into tears of joy. These anonymous donors have changed my life and have helped to restore my faith in humanity. I will forever be grateful for their help!"

The ninth annual JustGiving Awards, which was hosted by television and radio presenter Sarah Jane Crawford, received over 35,000 votes from members of the public.

Other winners on the night included:



Charity of the Year - [British Hen Welfare Trust](#)

The national charity re-homes commercial laying hens; educates the public about how they can make a difference to hen welfare and encourages support for the British egg industry.

Endurance Fundraiser of the Year - [Kevin Webber](#)

Since his advanced prostate cancer diagnosis in 2014, Kevin has taken on a series of endurance challenges for Prostate Cancer UK. This includes taking on the Marathon Des Sables a grand total of three times!

Creative Fundraiser of the Year - [Clare Young](#)

Grieving widow Clare, knitted for up to 12 hours a day, to create a 4m x 4m Knitted Show Garden Installation at RHS Malvern Spring Festival to raise funds for Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice.

Change Maker of the Year - [Maria and Stuart Grennan](#)

After the still birth of their daughter Maggie-Lynn, Maria and her husband Stuart raised money to secure a second room for the Worcestershire Maternity Bereavement Suite and to soundproof two delivery rooms for stillborn labours.

Fundraising Team of the Year - [Tŷ Hafan Dads #5in55](#).

This group of 14 dads climbed 5 mountains in 55 hours (Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England, and Snowdon, Cadair Idris & Penylan in Wales) to support Welsh children's hospice Ty Hafan.

Young Fundraiser of the Year - [Maddison Harris](#)

After experiencing hair loss, following her two-year treatment for leukaemia, Maddison started a campaign "*Don't Stare, It's Only Hair*" to raise funds for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

Celebrity Fundraiser of the Year - [Josh Patterson](#)

Josh, and his recently paralysed friend Ben Tansley, took part in the Berlin Marathon in wheelchairs to raise funds for the Spinal Injury association.

Crowdfunder of the Year- [Lisa Wells](#)

Shortly after her youngest daughter was born, Lisa was diagnosed with terminal bowel and liver cancer. She, along with her friends – the aptly named #LisasArmy, participated in a series of fundraising challenges to help provide financial security for her daughters and raise money for Dorothy House Hospice Care.

Outstanding Commitment of the Year – [Lucy Linnott](#)

After becoming the youngest person in Scotland to be diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, Lucy decided to launch 'Lucy's Fight', a blog to share her experiences, tick things off her bucket list and raise money for MND Scotland.

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For photos and videos of the winners, or to request an interview with Keith Williams and Donna Corden or to receive further information about the awards, please contact Rosetta Buahin at the JustGiving press office on 07825429116 or email rosetta.buahin@justgiving.com



Notes to Editor

JustGiving

The JustGiving Awards were established nine years ago to celebrate the many amazing individuals, charities and teams who have used JustGiving to change lives and make a positive contribution to a good cause.

JustGiving (a Blackbaud Company) is the world's leading online giving platform, enabling 24 million people to raise £3.5 billion for over 26,000 charities since launching in 2001. As a tech-for-good company, JustGiving develops world-class technology and innovative tools to fulfil its mission to connect people with the causes they care about. By making giving more simple, social and rewarding, JustGiving helps all causes, charities and people in need to reach more people and raise more money