



Charity has reached 96 households affected by the Grenfell Tower Fire so far, but is determined to reach more

Family Action would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated money to the Family Action Grenfell Tower Fund appeal which has raised £258,000 to date, with more money still being donated. We are pleased to be able to announce that, as of Thursday 20 July, we have made 96 grants to households affected by the recent devastating fire totalling £144,540.00 (93 households in Grenfell Tower and three households in the adjacent Grenfell Walk). All grants have been made to improve the wellbeing of those households. Family Action believes that there are other Grenfell individuals and families who may need help who have not yet applied for grants. We are encouraging those people to come forward so we can support them too.

Applications for grants are made online directly to Family Action's experienced Grants team through Family Action's referral partners: The ClementJames Centre, Westway, The Rugby Portobello Trust, Action on Disability Kensington and Chelsea and The Venture Centre. We work through referral organisations because they have such great reach into the community we are seeking to help.

Our partners can talk to those affected about the existence of our grants scheme, help ensure that grants go to the right people and write and submit the actual grant application while the person is with them. They can also ensure that applications for grants are made alongside the provision of other support. All of this makes our grant giving more efficient and effective. We are considering all applications within two working days to ensure that the money reaches the applicants very quickly

Applications to date from the families and individuals affected have been very varied and demonstrate just how much support people need to deal with the immediate issues they face let alone the future. We have given grants to help people replace items destroyed by the fire such as toys, clothes, furniture and IT equipment. We have given money to help cover additional travel and childcare costs or to help with large phone bills so that people can keep in touch with relatives who are worried about them. And we have helped people replace specialist items to enable them to go back to work or to continue their studies. We have also given grants to people who really need a short break away from the area. These are small examples of the help we have provided, but there are many more.

Family Action is making grants for up to £2000 per application and subject to the availability of funds we hope that people will be able to make a second application for a grant two months after their original application. We recognise that people will continue to need financial support as they start to rebuild their lives and will continue giving grants until the fund is exhausted. The charity is determined to reach as many as possible of those affected by the fire who were living in Grenfell Tower or Grenfell Walk .

David Holmes CBE, Family Action's CEO says

"Family Action feels truly honoured to be able to help the people who have been affected by this awful tragedy. We are grateful that we have been able to use our experience in making grants to offer support to families and individuals in a timely way.

The volume of applications we have received demonstrates the immediate need for this grant fund and we are very keen to reach the people who haven't yet applied to us for support. We would also like to thank our local partner organisations who have worked so well with us and who are so well



placed to guide people to us. We hope that with the continued generous support of the public, these grants will continue to be available for families and individuals in the coming weeks and months ahead.”

Thank you again to everyone who has donated for your generosity – it has been absolutely overwhelming to witness.”

Donations can be made to the Family Action Grenfell Tower Fund at www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/familyaction/grenfell

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