

P R E S S R E L E A S E

8 YR OLD BEA RAISES FUNDS FOR FOREST ELDERLY

We hear and read so many negative stories on the youth of today that this heart-warming tale may go a little way to dispelling some of them.

Bea is the granddaughter of Kitty Jones who volunteers as a Befriender for Age Concern Forest of Dean and is actively involved with fundraising for them. She recently discovered that her Nan still went to 'work'. Bea couldn't quite understand this – as far as she was concerned Nan was 'far too old' to have a job! Upon asking what she did, Kitty explained to Bea a little about her befriending role with Age Concern Forest of Dean.

Once Bea understood just what her Nan's role was with Age Concern Forest of Dean, she decided she'd like to help too! So she set to and drew lots of pictures which she then proceeded to sell for 10p each! Apart from making a few valuable pounds for the Charity, she showed that she cared. The idea of fundraising has even spread to the rest of Kitty's grandchildren who have now started saving their pennies in a pot!

Kitty is also busy fundraising in her own way and is planning to open her garden at 'Almor', The City Viney Hill and have cream teas on June 20th, with all proceeds going to Age Concern Forest of Dean. Her husband and daughters will be there to help out too - so, three generations of fundraisers in the family!

There are over 50 Volunteers working with the Charity who befriend older and, in many cases, isolated, lonely and vulnerable people throughout the Forest of Dean. This Service can prove to be a lifesaver to many members of our community. Current funding has come to an end so the Service is being kept afloat by using the Charity's reserves. Whilst funding is actively being sought, any money made through fundraising initiatives is very much appreciated. With the economic climate as it is, fundraising to provide the much needed services such as this Charity offers is becoming increasingly difficult. If you would like to help in any way, either with a donation or by volunteering, please call 01594 845621. Online donations can be made via this website.