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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Help/Sponsorship for local lad in sport.**

I do not know if you can help but would like to ask anyway. Please bear with me whilst I give a brief explanation.

I have a 14yr old Grandson whose name is Connor Parfitt, he has played hockey now for just over 4years. Sport is a keen thing here on the Island with some making it to higher levels; such as the likes of Mark Cavendish, Road Cyclist Racer, who also comes from the same village as us Laxey and other such talent as Sam Bart's; also a Laxey girl.

My Grandson started playing whilst at Primary school doing the local Manx Youth Games in hockey and found he loved it and in particular being a goalie, he went on to join Ramsey Hockey Club; which is one of our local hockey clubs on the Island. He has been with them now ever since as a goalie, this year winning an award for "best improved player for the year" he is totally dedicated to his sport and hockey. He got put through to Single System JAC/JRCP selection here on the Island and had coaching with the England coaches based here on Isle of Man, last year he got put through for "trials/selection" with England Hockey Board, however he did not make it last year, but did make it through this year and is just completing 6 sessions over in UK with England Hockey Board for trails/selection; to the level of JRCP 1 tier (which we have now been informed he has made it to the next level of play with England Hockey Board for U16s in UK). He has to fly back and forth for this for matches; coaching; accommodation; and food whilst at each session. A great opportunity and a chance to maybe one day to play for England and represent the Isle of Man.

To give a brief outline of our family situation and the reason I am applying for any sponsorship for him, is that at the moment I pay for all his hockey, I am a pensioner of 4yrs and work part time at our Island Hospice as a Secretary/Ward Clerk, this has paid for his hockey so far, now he is at this higher level it has become very expensive to fund, and it seems he will continue for the next 5years; *not in writing as yet only verbally at this stage.*

His mother now finds herself on benefit due to the fact Connors parents parted 3years ago now without any financial help what so ever, she has had skin cancer *now in remission*, was in a serious road traffic accident in 2006 resulting in 4 fractures in her pelvis and now in constant pain *hence not working*, and most importantly of all, my son took his own life 2 years ago now; not only has this devastated us all but Connor who was very close to him, he was not only his Uncle; but his rock, father figure, god father and been there for Connor all of his young life, leaving Connor in a dark place; hence without his hockey we do not know where Connor would be today; especially as a young teenager. I am not telling this as a sympathy vote but only as the truth, and why hockey has been a life saver for my Grandson now and for the future.

He would love to play professionally one day, he is also very good all round sports person, winning an award at school the end of summer term, he would also like to be a PE teacher or professional training. He is dedicated to his hockey; which comes always before anything else; it has been the making of him and his life saver; when counselling couldn't help.

I therefore thank you for taking the time to listen to my request and I have never done anything like this before and just taking a chance that we/Connor might be lucky enough to get some help from somebody, so he may continue with his dream. He is a good young man who has gone through many things no child should go through, a list of some above but others too; which I choose not to gone on about.

Thank you once again for listening and hope to receive a reply from you in the near future, should Connor not be helped by your Company in any way, maybe you could give me any advice on ways I can apply for financial help, as this continues to worry me that I might not be able to continue to help him achieve his goal.

Many thanks for listening and I hope to hear from you in due course.

Kind regards

Yours truly



Mrs Christine Clark