

# LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION

for the Channel Islands



## Press Release

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### **Silkworth Charity Group support nearly 70 families thanks to Foundation grant**

In 2015 the Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands granted the Silkworth Charity Group £70,000 in order to help develop their Family Programme, for the benefit of the Channel Island community.

The grant money was to be spread out over two years and the last half of their funding was granted in April which will carry over into 2017. The grant supports a Family Programme Director who is developing the programme and raising awareness within the community about chemical dependency and the effects on families.

The Family Programme is an eight-week course run from their Family office located in Broad Street and offers a rather significant support system for families who have loved ones who struggle with chemical dependency. It's a free service and is open to not only families of people who use the Silkworth Lodge residential treatment programme, but to anyone who has a loved one who suffers from the illness of addiction. The Programme helps family members to better understand this illness and engages them with awareness through psychoeducation and a group counselling service.

Since the funding was granted by the Foundation in 2015 the Programme has helped around 60 to 70 families either through their booklet that has educational points about addiction, through their open door policy at their office in town, or through the enrolment in their Programme. The age range of those reaching out for help varies from some as young as 18 and others in their mid-50's to 60's, and those who are searching for support come from all walks of life.

Jason Wyse, Chief Executive Officer, Silkworth Group, commented:

“The support that the Foundation has given us in the past, and for the funding of our Family Programme Director, is absolutely integral in our mission to helping not only those who suffer from chemical dependency, but their loved ones who are often not thought of in the healing process. It is through this service for family members that we can offer a full circle service to help a recovering addict or alcoholic. Families and loved ones are the support beams in the recovery process and it's

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of the utmost importance that they understand addiction is an illness, and education and raising awareness of this is the key to a healthy and fulfilling life for all the family.”

Jo Le Poidevin, Executive Director, Lloyds Bank Foundation for the Channel Islands, commented:

“The Family Programme that the Silkworth Charity Group offers is invaluable to its members and potentially to the rest of the community who require it. It offers a range of support to people who are in effect not thought of in the recovery process of an addict. They require a service that caters to what they need and gives them the tools to better understand their situations as well as their loved one who is suffering. It’s truly great to see the Programme reach out and help so many families in the past year. The testimonies they’ve received from people who have gone through the Programme are touching and makes the message clear that this service is a necessity.”

For those who wish to enquire privately about the Family Programme can reach the charity at the following contact details: [info@silkworthlodge.co.uk](mailto:info@silkworthlodge.co.uk) or by phone at 01534 769 837.

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by the profits of Lloyds Banking Group and operate a range of grant programmes to provide funding for registered charities that focus on improving quality of life, creating equality of opportunity and tackling the disadvantage of those who are marginalised in society.

2015 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundations, which have distributed over £575m to charities in communities across the UK, more than £15 million specifically in the Channel Islands, which has helped to tackle disadvantage since 1985.