



The Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust and The Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust Jersey

Everyone has been so very helpful and generous towards raising money for Colin's charities and it is with very great pleasure that I am sending a progress report to everyone who has been involved. I am even more delighted to say that it is all good news.

As at 31st December 2005, the combined trusts had fully financed the expedition and still had about £199,000 available for distribution to the main charity beneficiaries – Stoke Mandeville and the Spinal Research Trust. By 31st December 2006, after an excellent fund raising year, it was over £540,000. Add in monies raised or paid directly or indirectly to African spinal injury charities and the overall total of benefit to the spinally injured has risen to over £600,000.

The trustees of both charities have now addressed how to distribute those funds.

Top of the list for Jersey donors is a new Stoke Mandeville Centre of Research Excellence and it is pleasing that our efforts have advanced it by about two years, with a building start likely by mid 2008. Even better, Stoke is likely to agree that another prominent charity to include an on-site lecture theatre/cinema and thus the Centre will now be three floors instead of two.

The trustees have earmarked £360,000 to be transferred to the Centre as soon as planning approvals have been obtained and the date finally set for starting to build.

The main beneficiary of the UK charity is the Spinal Research Trust and it too is delighted with the outcome. We have allocated £125,000 to be awarded to this organisation and are currently awaiting proposals from them as to how that money can best be spent in phase 3 of their programme of research into methods of repair of damage to the spinal cord.

These excellent results have been achieved through the hard work and personal involvement of many, many people. Some, as Patrons, have lent their names to the venture and thus increased its credibility. Others have been directly involved in terms of volunteering to hold events, raffle prizes, donating auction prizes and in so many other ways too.

Another key objective of ours has been to raise awareness to the hardship incurred by so many spinally injured. The amount of publicity, TV, Press and media coverage generally achieved by Colin has been enormous and I am pleased to say that we feel that awareness has indeed been helped substantially by all of our efforts. Part of our hope was to help Colin build

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a meaningful career. His sheer pluck and courage demanded that he not vanish into obscurity, without a job, for the rest of his life. Here too things have worked out. He - and mother Val, who has given up her job to support his cause – are launching a new West of England fund raising office for Spinal Research. And there is a strong possibility of Colin being offered an advisory and assistance role with Stoke Mandeville, partly representing patients on a research committee and partly motivating patients.

Colin himself has benefited hugely, not only from business experience he has acquired but also by having become an inspirational after dinner speaker. And, of course, by virtue of his travel he has now seen and experienced many different spinal injury problems around the world, which makes him well equipped to raise funds, manage events and to be his usual highly inspirational self.

This whole venture has been a magnificent experience. So on behalf of the trustees may I please thank you so very much for lending your time and for being so kind and generous. I can tell you that the plaudits we get back and the sheer pleasure and satisfaction of, to use Colin's favourite phrase, "**making a real difference**" has made it all so very worthwhile.

With very best regards and with my personal thanks

Yours faithfully

Derek Breed
Chairman

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