

Crossroads Care

Crossroads provides quality care to people of all ages, including children, who need the assistance of another person because of their disability or condition. Our services allows their full-time carer to have a regular short break to go out, meet family and friends, go shopping, pursue a hobby, have a sleep, take part in family events or do the many activities most of us take for granted.

Crossroads was established in 1986 and over the past 25 years has supported some 2,500 families throughout Skye and Lochalsh. In 2010/2011 over 130 families received support. In an average year we provide approximately 13,500 hours of support to local families.

In recent years core funding came from a joint Highland Council/NHS Highland service contract, which covered about 60 percent of the respite hours we provided. Whether or not this contract is renewed, Crossroads will continue its work in Skye and Lochalsh, which will be needed more than ever as the number of NHS respite care hours to be provided is set to be cut.

In line with many other local charities, fundraising is a significant factor for Crossroads. We are grateful that so many people throughout Skye and Lochalsh donate and raise money for Crossroads, and for the generosity of the local community. Our Charity Shop in Portree raised £18,000 last year, mainly from the sale of donated high quality goods. All money raised in Skye and Lochalsh stays in Skye and Lochalsh.

Catriona Coghill of the Sligachan Hotel, where the forthcoming art auction will be held, says: *“Over the past 18 years Crossroads has played an essential role in allowing my family to look after a terminally ill father and brother at home. Not only did it prolong their lives but it saved thousands of pounds on NHS and hospital care. My elderly mother also benefitted greatly from the organisation until she felt ready for constant help and moved into the excellent home she is now in.*

“The support, concern and social contact of such an organisation is invaluable, and is becoming more essential as life expectancy increases. Crossroads is an invaluable service which should be retained and all the wonderful, dedicated, highly trained staff.”

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