

Fairy Helpful Hands WINNER

Fairy's competition has found the most caring and giving people...



Being crowned Fairy Helpful Hands winner, Tania Hayhoe keeps busy running children's charity, Georgie's Fund, in memory of her son

Tania's charity, Georgie's Fund, is a small organisation with big ambitions! Founded in memory of her son, George, who died from neuroblastoma, a rare form of childhood cancer, the fund offers help and support to other families and children affected by the disease as well as raising much needed cash. 'I never thought Georgie's Fund would make such an impact,' admits Tania. 'When I realised we'd hit the £100,000 mark, I sat down and cried. The Fund is a constant reminder of Georgie, but it's a hopeful one instead of a sad one. Every day we raise more money for the Fund, we talk about Georgie and that keeps his memory alive in a positive way.'

Supporting and participating in everything from football tournaments to motorbike rides, Tania and her team have helped make a difference to countless children's lives. As well as donating money to fund research projects, Georgie's Fund also buys toys and equipment for sick children while Tania offers personal support to their parents. But despite everything Tania does, she was still shocked to discover she'd been selected by our judges. 'Being crowned the Helpful Hands winner is such a surprise, a real honour and I want to share it with the other trustees of Georgie's Fund. All their hard work and dedication has turned our little charity into a

huge success and I can't thank them enough. I'll treat them all to something with the £2,000 prize money as well as giving some to charity. Then if there's any money left, I want to do what Georgie and I always planned - buy a motorbike!'



Tania with her team at Georgie's Fund

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Shiny, happy, helpful people



Natasha Pearson from Huddersfield, Yorkshire won a pamper break

Volunteer scheme Shine & Smile was the brainchild of university student Natasha Pearson who wanted to help bring down the barriers between special needs and mainstream school children through sport. At just 20 years old, Natasha dedicates all her spare time to volunteering and also heads up Hallam Volunteering for her student union, co-ordinating over 30 student-led projects in the community.

Lending a hand with the kids



Lena Smith from Wembley, London, won lunch on the Orient Express

Looking after little ones means everything to caring Lena who gave up managing nurseries to set up her own day care centre two years ago. She caters for individual children's special needs by designing learn-as-you-play games to develop their learning as well as using Makaton sign language for those who have difficulty communicating.

A talent for helping



Arren Tomlinson from Mackworth, Derbyshire, won a Ferrari track day

Having a knack for looking after children with autism has made Arren a popular guy - at work and at home! His two younger brothers, aged 15 and 12, both have autism and he regularly helps his mum look after them to give her a break. He also works full-time at a special needs school helping autistic children learn not only the curriculum but life skills too.

GAIL SAYS: 'Tania is really inspirational. Losing a child is every parent's nightmare but she has ploughed her energies into creating a living tribute to Georgie through his fund.'



Thank you for helping Fairy lend a helpful hand

Thanks for making the Fairy Helpful Hands campaign such a success this year. With your help, Fairy searched the country to find people who work hard in their communities to make a difference and reward them with one of 12 Fairy wishes - fantastic money-can't-buy prizes. We were touched by all your incredible stories and it was a tough choice for our judges - **woman** editor Jackie Hatton, celebrity mum Gail Porter and Heart 106.2 breakfast presenter Harriett Scott. But of the thousands of entries, the panel thought Tania deserved the £2,000 overall prize for her work setting up Georgie's Fund. By taking part and nominating your Helpful Hand, you've helped Fairy to raise more than £70,000 for the children's charity Make-A-Wish Foundation® in the UK and Ireland. This means Fairy will be helping Make-A-Wish reach its goal to grant 10 wishes per week throughout 2008.

For a full list of winners and prize details, please visit www.fairy-dish.com

Make wishes come true

Make-A-Wish is the charity that grants magical wishes to children and young people with life-threatening illnesses. And for the fourth consecutive year, Fairy is helping Make-A-Wish to help grant wishes to these children.



Princess Erin meets her Prince Charming - Jude Law

A wish story

By taking part and nominating your Helpful Hand, you've also helped to grant these magical wishes for children like Erin who lives with congenital heart disease. Erin had

always dreamt of being a princess so, as she arrived at Blenheim Palace for the Make-A-Wish Summer Ball, Jude Law presented her with a pair of satin slippers to match her pink ball gown.

