



Allegra's AMBITION

Challenge yourself

Allegra's Ambition continues to go from strength to strength. Our relationships with our partner charities are moving forward and we are beginning to see the impact Allegra's Ambition is making to a number of disadvantaged young people's lives through the projects we support.



In February, we were honoured to be invited to a Reception at 10 Downing Street with the Culture Minister, Matt Hancock, and were able to invite representatives from our partner charities. It was a wonderful occasion and gave us the opportunity not only to highlight what we do but to celebrate the work of the amazing charities we support.

FROM ALLEGRA



In 2018 we began working with Street Reach <https://www.winchesterstreetreach.org/>. Established in 1983 the charity works with young people in and around Winchester, in Hampshire, with an emphasis on targeting the disadvantaged through outreach youth work. We are now sponsoring their Friday night football – a weekly drop in session – attended by around 30 young people which runs for 50 weeks of the year. Staffed by experienced youth workers it provides a space where young people can come for a kick about, hang out with their friends and receive support and advice. More recently, we are excited to have helped them acquire a much needed minibus. It will soon be out and about liveried with Street Reach and Allegra's Ambition logos. If you spot it, do let us know & send us a photo.



Our partnership with Ebony (<http://www.ebonyhorseclub.org.uk>) continues to develop. In February, members of the Hampshire Hunt Pony Club, who help us host our annual Ebony Day in July, were invited for a reciprocal visit to Ebony's Brixton riding centre. It was lovely to see friendships renewed and HH members really enjoyed getting to meet the Ebony ponies and see the immaculate Ebony yard.

Ebony works with local primary schools enabling 160 children a week to benefit from the powerful, life changing influence that contact with horses can bring. This year we are sponsoring one of their partner schools, Loughborough Primary School. Here is what two students think of their experience so far:

"Our experience of horse riding was very exciting! We got to groom the horses and plait their manes. We also played games whilst we rode them. We learned new things such as horses can cough and use asthma pumps and that they love to roll around in mud. The first week we were a bit shaky but as we got to learn about the horses we got more confident." C and A, Year 4 and 5.

Our next "Ebony Day". when a group of 30 Ebony children will come to Hampshire for the day and ride on ponies volunteered by the HH Pony Club. is **Monday July 23rd** 11-4pm. We really hope you will lend us your ponies again. We cannot run this amazing day without you or them.



Building on the success of last year, we are funding two Allegra's Ambition breaks run by CHICKS – Country Holidays for Inner City Kids (<http://chicks.org.uk>) this summer. We have a great team of eight Allegra's Ambition volunteers lined up to join sixteen disadvantaged young people on residential breaks on the Cornish coast in July and August 2018.

We are sponsoring a number of Bushcraft days for Youth Options (<http://www.youthoptions.co.uk>) a Hampshire based charity that run a number of projects that support Hampshire's most vulnerable young people. We provided Bushcraft equipment and training last year and the feedback was fantastic so we are delighted to be able to help them to reach out to more young people.

We have another new partner Tower House Horses (<http://www.towerhousehorses.co.uk/>), a small charity that supports vulnerable young people through building therapeutic relationships with horses. We are sponsoring the upkeep of one of their horses this year.

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As we say every time, none of this would be possible without your incredible support. So many people have helped by volunteering, fundraising, cheering others on and we continue to be very grateful. Every one of our fundraisers has gone above and beyond.





We were very grateful to be one of the chosen charities of Mary Howard Christmas Fairs which takes place each November in Cirencester (<https://www.maryhowardfairs.com>). A big thank you to everyone who attended and donated. Excitingly we are one of their main charities this year. We will also be selling some wonderful Allegra's Ambition merchandise so please book your tickets and come along and support us 13th-16th November 2018.

In November, Naomi and an intrepid all girl team set off on a 2,700 mile race across the Atlantic in a 40 foot yacht #Girls4Sail. They took 24 days to sail from Gran Canaria to St Lucia - an incredible achievement by Naomi who is a fantastic supporter of Allegra's Ambition.

Four of Allegra's friends took part in Edinburgh rag week hitchhike to Paris. Emma and Connie, Sophie and Clemmie in separate 2-(wo)man teams all managed to make it to Paris safely, had loads of adventures and raised lots of money. Thank you all so much.

Lucy, Ellie and Olivia, who all played lacrosse with Allegra at school, nominated Allegra's Ambition as the chosen charity for Exeter University Lacrosse. The entire Lacrosse club have thought up original and unusual ways to fundraise including being handcuffed to each other, carrying their teddy bear around with them, dyeing their hair & hitch-hiking to London. We are so grateful to them and really touched by all the donations.



In April, Allegra's cousin, Maddie, ran her first Marathon in Brighton. Maddie was inspired to take up running by Allegra and is running further and faster in each race. She and her family have been brilliant fundraisers for us and truly embody our motto #challenge yourself.



In January we learned that **Tudor Hall School** had chosen Allegra's Ambition as their charity for the year. This was down to an amazing presentation by **Lara, Alejandra and Annabel** and a great short film put together by **Matilda** which tells our story so far. Tudor Hall are undertaking a number of fundraising plans through the year, including a mud run last month which looked great fun. Thank you so much Tudor Hall.

In April **Luke and Evie** hosted a fundraising ball for Allegra's Ambition. Fifty people attended a pink themed party. It was a great evening and raised £1,000.

Please Keep Challenging Yourself

Every penny you raise goes directly to the charity as all administrative costs are carried by Allegra's family. We could not do this without your incredible generosity. Thank you for helping us to keep Allegra's light shining.

As you may have heard, the rules as to how we manage data are changing in May. We plan to continue to email you with a twice annual newsletter about our activities. We believe that as a friend, family or active supporter who has signed up via our website that you wish to continue to receive our news. If at any time you no longer wish to receive emails from us you can email us at info@allegrasambition.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. We have two more exciting projects in the pipeline so follow us on Instagram and Facebook and please share this newsletter with anyone who might be interested. If they would like to receive a copy, please ask them to fill in the STAY INFORMED box on our website here: <https://www.allegrasambition.org.uk/contact/>.

You can reach us at info@allegrasambition.org.uk if you have any questions or want any help with your fundraising/challenge plans.

