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## Ice Angels support Jeremiah's Journey!

Christmas can be a difficult time for the families that Jeremiah's Journey support; so being able to offer some fun festive treats was a real pleasure. This has been made possible by Ice Angel Events as they have selected the local charity as their partner for this season.

This is such a fantastic opportunity for the local charity who offer support and information to children and their families who have experienced or are anticipating the death of someone special.

The partnership started in style as the Ice Angels put on their annual show in line with the City's Christmas lights being switched on. This was a free event for the public and spectators were asked to make a donation. Children who have been supported by the charity over the years were invited to take part and several children skated at the beginning and end of the one hour show. The children were thrilled to be involved and were on the ice with Santa and Mrs Claus as well as the Ice Queen, the Ice Prince and Princess from Upon a Wish.

The team at Upon a Wish have also supported the charity throughout the year and asked people to make a donation as they offered photo opportunities. In total Upon a Wish collected £185.38 and the Ice Angels collected a further £30.65. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Kimmy Downham, Owner of Ice Angel Events said "We choose Jeremiah's Journey having experienced a loss in our family a few years ago. The support they gave my children was amazing and made what was a very sad situation into something bearable."

The Ice Angels have provided each child from Jeremiah's Journey with a free skate pass that allows them to get on the ice as often as they'd like, they've also had an invitation to have breakfast with Santa and the chance to attend an extra special evening at the Ice Ball

on 21<sup>st</sup> December with some special guests from Upon a Wish - the Ice Princess and the Ice Queen!

Leila Nottage, Fundraising & PR Manager at Jeremiah's Journey added "We are so grateful to the Ice Angels. I've had the privilege of meeting many of the families that we have supported and the free skate pass has made a lot of children extremely happy! Christmas can be such a difficult time of year and parents have told me how excited their children are about attending some of the events that have been so generously offered. It's also a great chance for us to raise our profile within the city. We support so many families every year and it's important that the community is aware of the crucial service that we provide."

To find out more about Jeremiah's Journey please visit: [www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk](http://www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk) or get in touch with Leila on 01752 424348, email [leila@jeremiahsjourney.org.uk](mailto:leila@jeremiahsjourney.org.uk).

To find out more about Ice Angels Events please visit [www.iceangelevents.org.uk](http://www.iceangelevents.org.uk) or get in touch with the team on 07891 945 975, email [info@iceangelsevents.co.uk](mailto:info@iceangelsevents.co.uk).

To find out more about Upon a Wish please visit [www.uponawish.co.uk](http://www.uponawish.co.uk) or call 07411 961 592.

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**Jeremiah's Journey - Notes for Editors:**

- 1, Jeremiah's Journey was founded in 1996
- 2, Each year Jeremiah's Journey supports approx. 220 bereaved children and their families in Plymouth and the immediate surrounding area.
- 3, The children who use our service are anticipating or have experienced the death of someone special, the majority of our children have lost a parent.
- 4, We support families who have been bereaved through a variety of circumstances including long term illness and sudden and often traumatic events such as road traffic accidents and suicide. We offer support in a variety of ways and always listen to what the family need.
- 5, We offer short term therapeutic group programmes which we run in partnership with Plymouth College of Art. This means that we are able to offer a safe space for children to: express their feelings of grief; share memories of their special person; and explore ways of coping.
- 6, With the support of Comic Relief, we have been able to develop a new project called Stepping Stones, which provides support to young people who have a parent with a terminal illness.
- 7, Sadly our service is one that will always be needed. As a self-funded charity we can only support local families with the generosity of our community. We want to be there for every child who needs our service; we believe that no child or family should feel alone in their grief.

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