

Salford Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme

Charity Registration No. 282102

Join your local branch of **CROSSROADS** by completing the application form below and enclosing :

1. Minimum £1 per annum for individual subscription.
2. £5 per annum for corporate subscription.
3. A donation (which would be very welcome).
4. Request for deed of covenant, details of which will be forwarded to you.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please submit applications and remittance to :

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What is Crossroads ?

A registered charity which has as its objectives:

1. To relieve stress in families or persons and exceptionally, in suitable circumstances, to help such disabled persons who live alone.
2. To supplement and complement, not to replace, existing statutory services and to work closely with them.
3. To avoid admission to hospital or residential care of the disabled person should a breakdown or other failure occur in the household.
4. To recruit and provide Care Attendants.
5. To strive to maintain a caring and sensitive service for disabled persons and their Carers.
6. Each scheme, completely autonomous but linked to the national organisation, is administered by a co-ordinator, who is responsible for assessing the family need and for supplying the practical help at times required by the families.

Why was it formed ?

Many handicapped people are able to live at home only because of the constant support they get from another person - a friend, a housekeeper, or most often, a relative. Sometimes a large family of brothers and sisters will organise a shift system to look after their handicapped mother or father. But there is always a danger that the system will break down. The relative will fall ill, or the family providing help day in day out will begin to crack under the strain. How many handicapped people have had to leave their homes for long periods or for ever, because the person or the people who looked after them, could no longer cope ? One or two hours a week, at the time the disabled person needs them can make all the difference.

It is perhaps surprising that with District Nurses, Health Visitors, Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Home Helps, the meals on wheels service, and so on, there should still be an unmet need. But there is. Without in any way duplicating the help provided by any of these services a properly trained, reliable Care Attendant can be the crucial factor in determining whether or not a disabled person is able to go on living at home. Everyone concerned with the care of the disabled believes that, wherever possible, they should be given a choice of living in their own homes rather than a hospital or an institution.