

## **MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION (JERSEY)**

### **REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION OF JERSEY CHARITIES**

Being a recipient of the Association of Jersey Charities 50@50 Award in October 2022 has made a huge impact on the financial standing of our charity. The amount received represents nearly a third of the income of our charity for the year and has given us freedom to better financially support individuals affected by Motor Neurone Disease on the island. While we will always aim to assist individuals with their day to day medical costs, at times we have not had the resources to assist with their large capital outlays for equipment to assist their daily living. However, since receiving the funds we have done the following:

- Assisted with the installation of a stairlift for one woman who had been diagnosed with the disease in February 2021. D worked for many years as a carer in Mental Health, but shortly after her retirement she experienced several falls, which was what led to her ultimate diagnosis. The advancement of the illness meant she was having increasing difficulty in going upstairs to the bedroom and bathroom in her home. Without the stairlift, it would have meant that she would have become isolated upstairs and it has helped her immensely. In her words - "The chair has made a huge change in the quality of my life. I continue to access all areas of my home and continue to maintain independence and quality of life. Thank you."
- Provided increased financial assistance to one man, as his disease is very advanced. Following a re-assessment of his health late in 2021, the amount of care and equipment he required had increased significantly, bringing with it an increase in costs of his care. Our charity was able to cover the costs of a large portion of his care costs, meaning the gentleman did not need to have additional worries above the advancement of this fatal disease.
- We are still in the planning phase for our on-island education event for local medical practices. We wish to run some education initiatives locally in order to keep the medical profession on the island informed of indicators of the disease, so that early diagnosis can be achieved. Some GP's may never see an MND case during their career, so we would like to host some sessions, led by local medical experts, to highlight the disease among the medical practices on island.

