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**Juvenile Arthritis Research wins £1,000 Movement for Good award**

**Juvenile Arthritis Research has won a £1,000 Movement for Good award from Ecclesiastical Insurance Group thanks to nominations from the public.**

Juvenile Arthritis Research is one of 500 winners in specialist insurer Ecclesiastical's Movement for Good awards, which is giving £1million to charities this summer.

Juvenile Arthritis Research is a charity making a difference to the lives of those affected by juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA). JIA is an autoimmune condition where the body attacks the joints causing inflammation, pain and reduced mobility.

Their vision is a world where no child has to suffer from arthritis, and they hope to achieve this through research, raising awareness of childhood arthritis, and support for children, young people and families with JIA.

The £1,000 funding from Movement for Good will enable them to provide direct support packs for 100 children with JIA. That's 100 families who can receive the support they need and know that there is hope for the future.

Members of the public were invited to nominate causes close to their hearts, with 500 gifts of £1,000 available for donation. Over 13,000 charities were nominated by more than 210,000 members of the public.

Richard Beesley, founder of Juvenile Arthritis Research said, “We are delighted to have won £1,000 in the Movement for Good awards. The funding will make a huge difference to the work we can do and the families we are able to support. We know how tough it can be when you are told your child has arthritis, and we want to be there to support the whole family at that time. This award allows us to do that for 100 families. We’d like to thank all those people who nominated us for the award – we are really grateful that you took the time to put our name forward.”

Mark Hews, Group Chief Executive of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, says: “We would like to thank every single person who took the time to nominate a good cause as part of our Movement for Good awards. Ecclesiastical, the fourth largest corporate donor in the UK, is a unique financial services group. We are owned by a charity which means all available profits can be given to the good causes that are so important to our customers. As a company whose purpose is to contribute to the greater good of society, charitable giving is at the heart of our business. We know that £1,000 can make a huge difference to the incredible work that charities do and we’re looking forward to seeing how this financial boost will change lives for the better.”

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**About Juvenile Arthritis Research**

1. Juvenile Arthritis Research is a charity making a difference to the lives of those affected by juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA). They are a parent-led charity with direct experience of JIA, and are run entirely by volunteers.
2. Their vision is a world where no child has to suffer from arthritis. Their core aims include research to find a cure for JIA, raising awareness that children and young people get arthritis and providing support to children and their families affected by JIA.
3. JIA is an autoimmune condition where the body attacks the joints causing inflammation, pain and reduced mobility.
4. For more information, visit [www.jarproject.org](http://www.jarproject.org)

**About Ecclesiastical**

1. Owned by a registered charity, Allchurches Trust, Ecclesiastical is a specialist insurer of the faith, heritage, fine art, charities, education, real estate, schemes and private client sectors
2. Ecclesiastical is one of the UK’s top corporate donors to charity. It has donated over £99m to charity since 2016 and is aiming to reach its target of giving more than £100m by the end of 2021. Find out more at [www.ecclesiastical.com/about-us](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/ourstory)

**About the Movement for Good awards**

1. Ecclesiastical’s £1million giving programme, the Movement for Good awards, will help charities change lives for the better. Phase one will see 500 charities receive £1,000 while the other £500,000 will be given away later this summer. 30 charities will be chosen by a panel of judges to receive £10,000 to be put towards the advancement of heritage and arts, education, rural and community, climate, human rights and equality. Out of the 30 successful charities, two charities will receive an additional £50,000 each and one charity will receive an additional £100,000 award
2. The £1,000 awards launch on Monday 24 May and is open to all UK-registered charities. From 24 May to 13 June anyone can nominate a registered charity for the chance to receive one of 500 £1,000 awards. The winners will be announced between 21 June and 2 July. For more information visit [www.movementforgood.com](http://www.movementforgood.com)