

# Grant 16 Ceri Groves – May 2022



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**ADDOR is pleased to announce a further grant in support of the continued fight against Huntington's disease (HD), providing financial assistance to help an HD carer Ceri Groves.**

**Ceri Groves**



**Ceri is 38, single and lives in Ely, Cambridgeshire. She is carer for her father, Brian and sister, Sian who are both Huntington's disease (HD) sufferers, inheriting HD from a grandparent.**

**Ceri cares for her father with Huntington's disease (HD) full time, with only one carer support call in the morning for personal care. She lives near to her sister who needs support to manage her bills, shopping and communication as Sian's cognition and motor skills have all been impaired by her HD.**

As well as undertaking the carer role, Ceri is a kinship guardian for two family member girls aged 17 and 3 who would, if not supported by Ceri, be taken into care.

Ceri manages her father's challenging behaviour, physical and personal needs brought on by HD, without complaint despite the difficulties she faces on a daily basis. Last year Ceri when she was managing her father's outbursts and feeling particularly low, she contacted her Huntington' Disease Association (HDA) representative Dawn Stilwell. Following that conversation HDA were able to secure some respite for Ceri's father and he has agreed to go into care for a week so she can take the girls away for a break and create some lasting family memories. Other family members take the girls away or out for the day and whilst this is lovely, Ceri feels that as she is responsible for the parenting and caring role, she would also like to create happy memories for the three of them.

Her dream is to take the girls for a break to Disneyland Paris and is seeking funds to enable her to fulfil this ambition for her and the girls. However should she not be able to generate sufficient funds, would take the children to another holiday site.

The family manage on benefits and a carer's allowance, as it is not possible for Ceri to work alongside the caring and parenting duties she has.

**ADDOR is very pleased to provide a grant of £500 to Ceri to help fund a trip Disneyland Paris, or another holiday venue providing some respite and so create memories for the family.**

Ceri responded to news of the grant "Thank you ADDOR and its generous donators for giving me and my girls the opportunity for a getaway and we look forward to the memories we will make without the grant this would not be possible. Warmest regards"

**If you would like to help in the fight to defeat HD, fund research and help others like Ceri**

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