



2020... A Year in Review

The George Michael Legacy Project, Inc. concluded the year on a positive note. Despite the roadblocks thrown at us by the global pandemic, we made great strides in working our way through and were able to nearly match last years' efforts through online raffles, projects and a virtual birthday celebration.

- Made significant plans and created a host of new inventory to share on George's birthday celebration in Goring in June. This new inventory was ready to be transported to the celebration and then the world fell victim to a travel lockdown caused by a new, very contagious virus. All travel plans were cancelled. Our 2 day visit in Goring to raise funds for 3 charities was revamped into a website, virtual celebration by offering items in our shop.
- The charities supported through the promotion and sales of product include American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Old Friends senior Dog Sanctuary (OFSDS), and finally St. Thomas' Church in Goring. 100% of these sales were split equally and donated.
- GMLP was given several donations from Lovelies which were used in raffles to raise funds. Thank you to the donors for your generous gifts.
- During the year, GMLP established several need driven projects to raise funds in response to the Australian wildfires, the California wildfires, Medical assistance by Doctors Without Borders in response to the pandemic.
- All Tribute funds in honor of George remain open and continue to approach our financial goals.
- By August GMLP entered into an agreement with Barbara's Antiques and Bric-a-Brac in Goring to share GMLP products with Lovelies who traveled there for a visit. 100% of sales was donated to St. Thomas' Church in support of their organ restoration. This shop is supported by 100% of trustees' donations for product supply.
- GMLP has engaged several new artists with varied styles to develop original art to use with theme specific projects.

- GMLP was able to attain Guidestar’s gold seal of transparency for the charity.
- During the month of December, GMLP ran a 12 Days of Christmas promotion to reinforce that every dollar counts and no donation is too small. Each \$12 donation directly supported the featured GMLP’s 12 charities. Those who participated were given a paper heart of forget me not seeds.

Team GMLP looks forward to 2021/2022 in which they are in the process of developing some large projects in support of our core areas, i.e., animal wellbeing, child welfare, mental illness awareness, HIV/ AIDS, and to sustain the beleaguered arts. Stay tuned for more information.

We anticipate returning to Goring for 2 days of George’s Birthday Celebration in June to raise funds for local charities, stock the Goring shelves and participate in a special concert presentation of George’s music by St Thomas’ Church. There will also be a special project presented to the Lovelies for their direct input.

With the year ending 2020, we raised for the charities combined donations of \$7,274.31

The success of 12 Days will be continued through 2021 as 12 Acts of Hope.

Thank you to all the Lovelies who participated in making this most unusual year a very charitable one in George.’s honor.



George Michael & Barbara’s
Antique & Bric a Brac Shop in
Goring, UK

