

Cash raised for Sick Kids Friends Foundation



ATOS AND LIVINGSTON ROUND TABLE RAISE FUNDS FOR SKFF

TWO generous Livingston organisations have donated almost £6,500 to the Sick Kids Friends Foundation (SKFF) to help fund a new sensory room at NHS Lothian's Sunndach Children's Respite and Residential Home based in the town.

The funds raised are being used to upgrade the sensory room at Sunndach, which was originally funded by the Foundation ten years ago and provides therapeutic care to children with complex disabilities.

The new sensory room will allow babies, children and young adults to interact with staff at the centre on a one-to-one basis, providing them with a relaxing experience which is essential to their care.

International IT services company, Atos, donated an impressive £4,400 and Livingston Round Table stepped forward with a further £2,000 donation.

Will Guest, corporate fundraiser at the Sick Kids Friends Foundation, said: "We are extremely grateful to Livingston Round Table and Atos for their generous donations.

"The new sensory room will feature state of the art equipment, such as a movement-sensitive magic carpet and colour wash lighting which will allow the children to learn about cause and effect, stimulate their senses and provide them with a positive, relaxing experience.

"Corporate support is vital to SKFF and the tremendous support, provided by organisations, goes a long way to helping

improve facilities and resources, such as those available at Sunndach.”

Gavin Thomson, Atos’ senior vice president in Scotland, said: “Our Business Technologists based in Livingston have been fundraising and looking after the garden for NHS Lothian’s Sunndach Respite and Residential Home since 2008.

“I am very proud of their dedication to fundraising for the next big project to provide a new sensory room for the children to enjoy.

“They have already raised £4,400, which highlights how dedicated our employees are to our corporate social responsibility and supporting the important work carried out by our corporate supported charities like the Sick Kids Friends Foundation.”

Simon Aston, chairman of the Livingston Round Table, said:- “When we received the request from the Sunndach Centre we were completely inspired by the hard work, dedication and passion shown in providing care for these amazing children.”

Over £11,000 has been raised for NHS Lothian’s Sunndach Children’s Respite Home from a range of corporate sponsors, kindhearted individuals and fundraising by dedicated staff.

Image is of Simon Aston, chairman of the Livingston Round table, presenting a cheque to Sunndach staff.