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Family Nursing & Home Care receive £15,000 grant for Pathways Centre

For the second consecutive year the Lloyds Bank Foundation has supported Family Nursing & Home Care's (FNHC) provision of child and parent support services for families in areas of need.

In 2013 Health, Education, and Social Work specialists identified the importance of helping to reduce inequalities faced by families living in areas in need which are left without specific child development or parenting support services.

In response to this FNHC stepped in to fill the gap by providing necessary, pro-active services to these areas. The Charity works directly with the Samares primary school and a number of other partners to provide family support services through the Samares Pathways Child & Family Centre. FNHC works hard to help children as young as possible, focusing on local families which directly involve the parents and carers. Since September 2014 Pathways has helped at least 198 families through one or more sessions. The results and impact of Pathways has far outreached the initial estimate and is visibly making a difference to the lives of parents and children at the Centre.

The £15,000 funding that Lloyds Bank Foundation has granted to FNHC will go directly to the core functioning of the Pathways Centre through the work of Gill Speed. Gill plays a significant role in the delivery of Pathways' services, co-ordinating the Centre and managing the child and development specialists. She engages with other partners to ensure the day-to-day functioning of Pathways runs smoothly, and her range of responsibilities vary from monitoring outcomes to liaising with Samares Primary School and reporting on results from the Centre.

The Lloyds Bank Foundation is the largest independent charitable funding source in the Channel Islands and has provided £14 million in grants over the past 30 years. They accept applicants from local charities that help people improve their quality of life and tackle the disadvantage of those who are marginalised.

John Hutchins, Executive Director, Lloyds Bank Foundation in the Channel Islands commented:

"We're delighted to accept the application from Family Nursing & Home Care in their request for funding to help the functioning of their Pathways Centre in Samares. This Centre is absolutely essential to the children of the Samares and Le Squez area in Jersey as they deserve the same advantages and opportunities in life as anyone else. Since the

Pathways Centre shares the same ethos as the Foundation we felt it was necessary to provide the funding to help and invest in the future of the children.

Ivo Le Maistre Smith, Fundraising Manager, Family Nursing & Home Care commented:

“We’re so thankful to the Lloyds Bank Foundation for the funding to support our Samares Pathways Child & Family Centre, especially for a second year. The Centre provides a familiar and comforting venue for parents and babies to access support from specialists such as Health Visitors and Nursery Nurses from birth. It’s vitally important that these families are able to receive this support early on, and we believe it will have a positive effect on the future health and success of vulnerable families in the area.”

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