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**DAME VERA LYNN CHILDREN’S CHARITY GETS A HELPING HAND FROM THE SCREWFIX FOUNDATION**

Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity, based near Haywards Heath, is celebrating after being awarded £2,000 worth of funding from The Screwfix Foundation, a charity which supports projects to fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and facilities for those in need.

Helen Bournat from Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity comments: “We are very grateful to The Screwfix Foundation for donating these much needed funds to support our charity. We are dedicated to supporting families with children under five years old with cerebral palsy and motor-learning difficulties. The funding is being used towards the cost of providing a ramp for wheelchair access, creating a playroom for siblings and improving the existing disabled toilet. We’d like to thank everyone who was involved in the fundraising – it’s been a great help to us.”

Ian Kinghorn, Store Manager of the Screwfix store in Horsham, comments: “We’re really pleased that one of our local charities has been awarded funding by The Screwfix Foundation. Staff from across the business have held a variety of fundraising events to raise vital funds for The Screwfix Foundation, so it’s fantastic to see the money we have raised being invested back into such a worthwhile community project.”

The Screwfix Foundation, which launched in April 2013 donates much needed funding to help a variety of local projects throughout the UK, from repairing buildings and improving community facilities, to improving the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

It also works closely with two national charity partners, Barnardo’s children’s charity and Macmillan Cancer Support, as well as supporting smaller, local registered charities like Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity.

Relevant projects from across Sussex are invited to apply online for a share of the funding at screwfixfoundation.com.

For more information about The Screwfix Foundation, visit screwfixfoundation.com.

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**Note to editors**

**Image description:**

Ian Kinghorn from the local Screwfix store at Horsham presented the cheque to Helen Bournat, Business Development Manager for the charity (standing) with them on the newly installed ramp (front row) are Tina and Jon Fox with their son Daniel age 2 who is helped by the charity’s services and his 8 year old sister Chloe.

**About The Screwfix Foundation:**

The Screwfix Foundation is a charity set up by Screwfix in April 2013. We have a clear purpose of raising funds to support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.

The Screwfix Foundation raises funds throughout the year to support causes that will change people’s lives. Working with both national and local charities, The Screwfix Foundation donates much needed funding to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving community facilities, to improving the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

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