



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

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Rose Road given £65,000 by the Masonic Charitable Foundation after 65 years of looking after disabled children

The Provincial Grand Master and his wife Kay visited the Rose Road Association in Southampton recently to see how a £65,250 grant from the MCF would be spent.

The grant will provide 150 emergency short breaks over three years for severely disabled children and young people. The breaks will provide the high-need one-to-one care that these young people need and are aimed at helping their families in various emergency situations such as when another family member is admitted to hospital, when there is bereavement or when the child's parent falls ill.

The breaks are also designed to allow families to spend time with non-disabled children, something that is often rarely possible, or even just to get a good night's sleep, as sleepless nights are often the norm for many parents of severely disabled young people.

The PGM, Mike Wilks said:

"We are very pleased to be able to help Rose Road in their 65th Anniversary year. They provide an absolutely essential service for families with very severely disabled children. It's often the one place they can send their child without worrying."

Rose Road Director of Services, Sarah Marshall also expressed her delight when informed about the grant, she said:

"Looking after a disabled young person can be very rewarding but families face additional barriers within their everyday life. Knowing we are here to help when there is a family crisis or everything simply gets too much, is fantastic. We are so grateful to the Masonic Charitable Foundation for their extremely generous grant"





PGM Mike Wilks with Rose Road Director of Services, Sarah Marshall



Tina Fullbrook (Rose Road Registered Manager), Peter Prowting (Service user) and the PGM

