



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

MCF TRICENTENARY COMMUNITY AWARDS
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER PRESENTS TOP AWARD TO THE RAINBOW CENTRE



The Provincial Grand Master, Mike Wilks, and his wife Kay, recently visited The Rainbow Centre in Fareham to present an award to commemorate achieving first place in the Masonic Charitable Foundation's Tercentenary Community Award public vote within the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight and therefore a grant of £25 000.

The Rainbow Centre has been providing vital Conductive Education to children with cerebral palsy for 26 years and since 2007 has developed a service for adults with cerebral palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's and those recovering from stroke or head injury. They are presently supporting 49 children and 49 adults from 6 months old to 70+ years with the service continually growing.

The Rainbow Centre receives no state funding and is wholly reliant on donations to enable them to deliver the essential services they provide to clients who travel from across the south of England. Lara Bull, Chief Executive, said “with so many great charities in the region we were honoured just to have been chosen to go into the public vote. With our attendee numbers growing we have naturally had to build our team of conductor-teachers - it is wonderful to be supporting more people but that has added to costs and winning the masonic vote will help with that growth, £25,000 will make a huge difference to The Rainbow Centre. We are so grateful to everyone in the communities we support who took the time to vote on line and inspired others in to vote, thank you to all of our supporters, new and old”.

Mike Wilks, Provincial Grand Master, said “we are proud to support so many charities across Hampshire but in this special 300th anniversary year the Masonic Charitable Foundation wanted to involve the public as well as our local Freemasons in deciding which of the nominated charities should benefit most. The Rainbow Centre is a wonderful charity, making a real difference”.

Comprehensive information about the work of the Rainbow Centre can be found on their website at www.rainbowcentre.org/

