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## **LSC Donation Helps Lincolnshire Charity to STRUT Their Stuff**

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) East Midlands has raised over £340 for a Lincolnshire children's charity at a staff conference which took place at Belton Woods Hotel near Grantham in May.

The event, hosted by LSC Lincolnshire and Rutland, brought employees together to hear from its chief executive, Mark Haysom and newly appointed regional director, Tom Crompton, about how the organisation will move forward and maintain its excellent performance record.

The staff held a charity raffle, courtesy of Belton Woods Hotel and K C Jones Event Management, for spa days, hotel stays and golfing breaks. The proceeds of the raffle were donated to STRUT in the Community, a charity that provide much needed respite care to disabled children and their families throughout Lincolnshire.

Aimee Holland, organisation manager for STRUT, who received the cheque from LSC Lincolnshire and Rutland area director, Nick Rashley, said: "We are very grateful to the LSC for their kind donation and for supporting the work we do. It is through the generosity of donations like this that we're able to update equipment and generally improve each child's experience at STRUT.

"Each year, children at the charity compile a 'wish list' of items they'd like and STRUT strive to meet these. A lot of the children have difficulty communicating their thoughts and needs effectively through language, so there was a high demand for cameras. The LSC's donation has provided a number of digital cameras for the children, enabling them to express themselves through pictures. They take photos of things they have been doing throughout the day, activities they've enjoyed and those they haven't and are able to communicate this to carers and parents. It's great to see them articulating their emotions in a creative way, something which without the support of organisations like the LSC would never be possible."

Nick Rashley commented: "We endeavour to support charities throughout Lincolnshire and Rutland and it's very rewarding to know the donation has helped improve the lives of these young people and their families. Our charity raffles are always very successful and we hope to raise more money through events like our staff conference to support charities like STRUT in the future."

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