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Home-Start receive a Helping Hand

Home Start Winson Green & Handsworth are delighted to announce the completion of their Children's Contact Room at their new base in West Bromwich. Aldridge based charity Rosie's Helping Hands donated £3,000 towards this crucial resource, the charity set up in memory of 16 year old schoolgirl Rosie Ross, who was fatally stabbed in Birmingham in 2001.

Home-Start offer friendly and informal support to families with at least one child under the age of five years living within Winson Green and Handsworth, the new room will enable families to spend some quality time together.

The Scheme Manager, Wendy Millichap said "We are very grateful to Rosie's Helping Hands for their contribution towards our family contact room, as without their support we would not have been able to establish this essential resource for Home Start Winson Green & Handsworth". Home Start Winson Green & Handsworth are supporting hundreds of families who are experiencing severe crisis situations living within the communities of Winson Green & Handsworth.

Karen Ross, Rosie's mother said " It is only through the wonderful support we receive from local people that we are able to provide groups like Home-Start with funding to improve the service they offer, which is a lifeline to some parents and carers of young children. We are delighted to have been able to support their vital work in the community they serve."

The next event being organised for Rosie's charity is the annual sponsored walk and festival on Sunday 13th July at Aldridge Airfield. Non walkers are welcome with plenty of entertainment and activities held on the airfield. Sponsor forms and details are available by calling 01922 456398 or log on to the website at www.rosieshelpinghand.org.

Notes to editor:

For further information please contact Karen Ross on 01922 456398 Mobile No. 07946404224. Website www.rosieshelpinghands.org

Photographer and reporter are invited to Home-Start premises located at 19 High Street, West Bromwich B70 6PJ (close to Premier Inn) between 11.30 am and 12 Noon on Tuesday 24th June 2008. (Home Start office Tel: 0121-525 0988)

1. 16 year old Rosie Ross was fatally stabbed in May 2001 whilst relaxing in Birmingham's Centenary Square.
2. Rosie's Helping Hands is a charitable Trust providing funding to voluntary groups working with children & young people in the Birmingham and Black Country areas.
3. Since 2003 over £175,000 has been raised helping over 60 projects.