

Foster Care Associates supports local charities



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October 15, 2012, 8:22 am -- [/EPR NETWORK/](#) -- Foster Care Associates (FCA) has boosted funds for local charities after raising over one thousand pounds at a summer fun day.

The leading Isle of Wight [fostering agency](#) donated almost £600 at the end of August to both the Barely Born Appeal at St Mary's hospital in Newport and Face 2 Face, a befriending service for parents with disabled children, delivered by Scope. The welcome donation was raised as a result of cake sales, raffles and a variety of games held at a family fun day for the agency's many foster families and looked after children.

FCA provides support for foster carers and looked after children in many ways, one of which is through organising events and activities for its foster carers, their families and the young people in their care. These include football tournaments and local fund raising events which raise much-needed funds to support deserving causes such as the Barely Born Appeal and Face 2 Face service which strive to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families.

Events are organised not only for the purpose of raising money but also bringing foster carers and looked after children together for fun social activities, encouraging them to get involved with others in the community.

Diane Le Moignan, regional manager for FCA South, commented: "FCA is committed to supporting local charities and projects that make a real difference to families within the community, so I'm thrilled to pass on the generous donation made by FCA staff and foster carers.

"The on-going fundraising by carers and the FCA team demonstrates how passionate they are about the work they do to support vulnerable children and families. FCA foster carers come from all walks of life but they are all enthusiastic, patient and compassionate people."

The Barely Born fund supports families with babies in the intensive care unit of St Mary's neonatal ward.

Annie Hunter, Head of Midwifery at the hospital, said: "We are delighted that Barely Born was chosen by Foster Care Associates and we are hoping to use the donation on updating a garden area adjacent to the unit for all the families who use our services."

Scope is a national charity supporting disabled children and adults, and their families.

FCA is continually looking to recruit more carers that can make a difference to the lives of vulnerable youngsters in care. Foster carers come from all backgrounds, but the qualities they share above all are patience, resilience and a positive outlook.

About Foster Care Associates

Foster Care Associates (FCA), part of the Core Assets Group Ltd, is the UK's leading Independent Fostering Agency, with offices operating throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Working in partnership with Local Authorities and Health Trusts throughout the UK, FCA provides 'quality care in a family setting' for over 2900 foster children who are looked after by the agency's 2200 foster families.

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