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The Volunteers and Staff at Home Start Watford and Three Rivers continuously provide outstanding and inspirational services for the benefit of all the children and families that we support.

Yet social isolation in the communities we serve continues to be a major concern for us. So, in a bid to find ways of tackling this challenge, even in a small way, and with our limited resources, we put together a plan and approached the National Lottery for funding to help us with a project called Strengthening Families – Building Communities.

And today I am very pleased to be able to tell you that we have secured a National Lottery grant for this project. This means we are able to reach out to 168 socially isolated families through a newly designed project over the next four years.

After a long period of uncertainty this award is a major step forward for us in achieving our goal of sustainability and a more secure future for the scheme.

Of course this boost to our cash flow is not a substitute for the requirement to continue generating income from the diverse range of fund raising activities that we pursue. It should in fact serve to energise and engage everyone to continue their support, in the knowledge that the future of the scheme is brighter and more positive than it has been at any time over the last 3 years.

We will tell everyone that is connected with the scheme how this project is going to develop, and no doubt many of you will be involved in some way as we deliver on its objectives.

In the meantime, thank you to everyone for your continued gifts of energy and time that add so much to what we are trying to achieve at Home Start Watford and Three Rivers.

Simon Boulcott  
Chair of Trustees