

National Grid office revamp leads to £2,000 windfall for Berkshire charity Daisy's Dream

? National Grid sale of office furniture and matched giving raises £2,000

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- Money donated to Berkshire bereavement and life threatening illness support charity
- Recycling of old office furniture in line with National Grid's sustainability principles

A National Grid office refurbishment has led to major gains for local charity Daisy's Dream.

The recent revamp of National Grid offices in Wokingham meant that some office furniture was no longer needed. National Grid is committed to minimising waste and to supporting the communities where it works, so it offered the surplus furniture direct to selected charities with any remaining items sold to employees in return for charitable donations.

The sale raised £1,000 which National Grid matched giving has doubled to £2,000. The money has been donated to Daisy's Dream, a local charity that supports children and their families who have been affected by a life threatening illness or death of someone close to them.

Gill Stevens, Director at Daisy's Dream said "To raise the funds we need each year, we rely on the support and involvement of our local communities.

"It is the dedication and commitment of local people and businesses that helps us to raise most of our funding and we could not continue our work without them. We are delighted to have this valuable support from National Grid."

She added: "Last year we supported 560 children who had been bereaved, or were facing bereavement, and our service costs over £300,000 to run. We don't receive any government funding for our work and it is very important to us that we provide our support and advice services to children and families free of charge. As such, fundraising plays a very big part in the work that we do."

Helen Barratt, Director of UK Shared Services at National Grid, said: "Our employees in Wokingham chose Daisy's Dream to receive this money because it is a charity that does so much good work in the local community".

"It's very rewarding for us to see items that we no longer need being used, directly or indirectly, to support good causes this fits well with our sustainable business principles and commitment to helping build a better future."

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