

Press Release
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Basepoint Bournemouth raises over £8,000 for local charity, Diverse Abilities Plus

Carly Thompson, centre manager at Basepoint Bournemouth, recently presented a cheque for £8,041.60, to local charity, Diverse Abilities Plus, amounting to a grand total of £10,000 over the year.

The money raised came from various fundraising activities and projects, most recently from the charity's Scrumptious Home Baking recipe book, which was sold at various outlets in around Bournemouth including Basepoint.

Carly Thompson, centre manager at Basepoint Bournemouth, commented: "We are thrilled to be able to present this cheque to Diverse Abilities. It's fantastic to be able to help and support a local charity, and also a great way for Basepoint to work alongside the local community and participate in such worthwhile projects."

Helen Alexander, Diverse Abilities Plus, Fundraising Manager, who accepted the cheque commented: "We are most grateful to Basepoint Bournemouth for their continual support of our charity this year. The monies will go a long way to helping us provide vital support services for children and adults living with profound physical and learning disabilities across Dorset."

Basepoint's parent company, The ACT Foundation, is a leading UK grant making charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need. As such, each of Basepoint's 28 business centres across the South of England and the Midlands support a local charity, and any funds which are raised are then matched by the ACT Foundation, up to the value of £10,000 per centre.

Situated at Aviation Business Park, Basepoint Bournemouth provides a wide range of high quality managed office space in friendly, purpose-built premises and on flexible terms. For further information about the Centre, please call 01202 331700 or email bournemouth@basepoint.co.uk. Alternatively visit www.basepoint.co.uk.

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Editors Notes

Diverse Abilities Plus is the only charity that has been supporting children and adults with Cerebral Palsy and associated disabilities (removed working - makes it sound like the children and adults have been working in Dorset!) in the County of Dorset, England for **57** years. The charity provides a range of assistance, support and education services for young people aged two to 19, as well as adults and their families. Services include:

- **Langside School** – a specialist day school for children with profound and multiple disabilities
- **Childrens' respite projects** – including overnight breaks to offer respite and help families manage the challenges of providing full time care for their child, home support (domiciliary care) for children and young people, and holiday and after-school activities that give young people with disabilities the same leisure and fun opportunities that their peers enjoy. Fun activities for their siblings and parent support groups are also provided
- **Support for adults** – a well equipped day centre, (add comma) where adults can learn new skills and enjoy a wide range of experiences, (add comma) and a supported living service which helps adults live independently in their own home with 24/7 support.
- **Advice** - provides assistance with disability benefits for people with disabilities and their families or carers, as well as the parents of disabled children.

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