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Basepoint Luton employee Trek's India and raises £7,000 for Keech Hospice

Basepoint Innovation Centre Luton recently presented a cheque for just over £7,000 to Keech Hospice following several fundraising events which enabled Receptionist, Sam Woolmer to join the recent Keech Hospice India Trek.



The Luton Basepoint Centre raised money by holding a number of events including a football match against the Luton Town Legends, a Summer World Cup barbeque and along with various raffles. This, coupled with Samantha's online sponsorship, amounted to over £3,500, which was then 'match funded' by The ACT Foundation, Basepoint's parent company and leading grant making charity.

The trek across India, organised by Keech Hospice, began with three days in Delhi, where the group volunteered at a Hospice, helping to decorate it inside and to build a playground for the children. Samantha comments: "Helping at the Hospice was the most humbling experience of my life. I've never seen children so grateful; it was like we'd brought them a house rather than throw a lick of paint over the walls. It's amazing the impact it had."

The journey continued until the group of volunteers reached the Himalayan Foothills where the three day trek began. Samantha continues: "We trekked around 8 miles a day – it doesn't sound like much, but in 45 degree heat and monsoon rains, it was a challenge, albeit thoroughly enjoyable! The whole trip was truly life-changing for me; the poverty in India is mind-blowing and the total lack of hygiene and health and safety is shocking, yet the Indian people couldn't do enough for us - they were so friendly and welcoming.

"The Basepoint staff are delighted to have raised this money for Keech Hospice and want to thank everyone for their fundraising efforts and support. This was a trip of a life time and it was all about helping the hospice in Delhi and helping Keech, which makes it all the more meaningful."



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Keech Hospice Care provides care for terminally ill adults and children from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, as well as children from Milton Keynes. Its aim is to help patients enjoy the highest quality of life, while providing vital support for their family and friends throughout their loved one's illness and in their bereavement. It will cost Keech Hospice Care approximately £5 million to operate this year, 75% of which the organisation has to raise independently.

Basepoint Luton provides high quality managed office space in friendly, purpose-built premises and on flexible terms. For further information please contact the team on 01582 434200 or visit www.basepoint.co.uk.

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Basepoint specialises in the development and operation of managed business, innovation and enterprise centres. These centres provide comprehensive accommodation and support infrastructure packages to new and early-stage companies within a supportive and secure environment. The company operates both wholly- and part-owned centres as well as managing facilities on behalf of public sector bodies. Group operations currently extend across Southern England and the Midlands, with additional opportunities under assessment across the UK.

Basepoint is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ACT Foundation, a leading grant-making charity dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need. The ACT Foundation derives its income from a substantial and diversified property portfolio of which Basepoint is a major constituent.

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