

Charity cheque handover



(L-R) SYCP project staff with Aimee Freely (R) of Amicus ITS

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Southampton Young Carers Project gets £750 cheque for new hub

Award winning IT support company, Amicus ITS, based in Totton, handed over a cheque for £750 to Southampton Young Carers Project on Friday 27th February at the charity's St Mary Street offices in Southampton.

Rebecca O'Mara, Head of Business Services at Amicus ITS advises: *"Amicus ITS staff have been involved in numerous fundraising activities in Totton, from bake offs, to competitive games and craft projects with carers at an SYCP event last year. As an organisation a lot of our customers are in the healthcare environment, so supporting services that directly assist young people to have a better quality of life was an easy focus for our staff efforts".*

Julie Marron, Team Leader of SYCP said: *"At Southampton Young Carers Project, we work to raise aspirations, self-esteem, self-confidence and reduce the isolation, marginalisation and negative impacts relating to having an onerous caring role within a family.*

We will be using the money to help set up the new Young Carers Hub where children and young people can come together, share their experiences and enjoy enrichment activities.

Young Carers often lack the opportunities that their peers do and we felt that by providing a base for them, they can use the room as they wish, within reason. Some activities that will be in the Hub include weekly homework support, air hockey table and games, Lego and craft for the younger children. There will be an area for relaxation - and for young carers to access the internet or listen to music. We want the room to be as multifunctional as possible and with any funds we receive, this helps to purchase and maintain the resources the children and young people identify that they need. We are looking out for volunteers at the moment, so anyone interest should give us a call on 023 80 216038."