

**The Honeypot Children's Charity**

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Dear Tara and everyone at AFC Totton,

On behalf of the staff and children at the Honeypot Children's Charity, I would like to thank you for welcoming myself, Bumble and our volunteers to AFC Totton match day on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and helping us to carry out a collection. I am delighted to let you know that £192.83 was raised. Every donation really does make a difference to the young carers we support.

The total £192.83 is enough to provide twelve young carers with all the food and treats they can eat during their 3 day/ 2 night annual residential respite break at Honeypot House, an incredible (yummy!) gift to give these children. These donations will give these children a chance to be children and take a break from their caring responsibilities at home. 33% of Honeypot children aged 5-12 recently surveyed said they cook and prepare food for themselves and their families, with 23% assisting with eating/drinking. So, sitting down for meals that have been prepared for them whilst on a Honeypot break is real respite for many of these children. Thank you.

What really shows the impact that your support will have, are the messages we receive from the children and parents about how Honeypot has helped them. Here is an example from a disabled mother with two little girls who help to look after her:

*My girls have been to Honeypot in total 4 or 5 times now, each time they become so alive with excitement! After their most recent stay, I realised that Honeypot wasn't just a charity or after school club, to us as a family it was so much more. They care, support and entertain our girls more than most of our blood related family. They give our girls somewhere they can go and be children. They are free of judgement, free of anxiety, free from any negativity! Honeypot is like their Neverland. Living the life of chronic illness and various difficulties brings you into contact with a lot of different professionals, organisations and individuals. Most of which I can say very clearly just do their job, there's no real emotion or connection involved. But the team and Honeypot? They go above and beyond! They remember each child they interact with, they tuck them into bed seventeen times in a night when they can't sleep, they genuinely care about how each child is feeling, and they give my girls magic. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.  
An incredibly grateful mother.*

Thank you so much for helping to build brighter futures and creating happy childhood memories for young carers aged 5-12.

With very best wishes

*Viv Carter*

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