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Chelmer Housing Partnership Charitable Trust Grant to Chelmsford CVS

Chelmer Housing Partnership's Charitable Trust has awarded a grant of £7,286 towards the running costs of the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) Fundraising Support Bureau based at 47 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. This is the second grant of its type awarded to the CVS by CHP's Charitable Trust and will help to support local groups in their development and fund raising activities.

Chelmsford CVS is a local charity working to promote and develop voluntary action in Chelmsford district. One example of how this works in practice is Extra Steps, a support and play group that was initiated by the South Woodham Ferrers branch of the Mothers' Union for families with special needs children. The group, which meets every Thursday at South Woodham Ferrers village hall, offers play activities for under-5's and support for parents and carers.

Extra Steps approached CVS for help in completing an application for funding to get the project off the ground. The application was successful and raised sufficient money for the group to set up a safe and stimulating play area for children with special needs.

Barbara Greer, founder of Extra Steps, said: "Groups like Extra Steps are a lifeline to parents and carers of recently diagnosed children – all too often we feel like we are the only ones out there. If you care for a child with special needs, and are fed up with travelling miles to get help and support, come along to Extra Steps."

Lorraine Jarvis of Chelmsford CVS said: "Setting up and running a group like Extra Steps is extremely hard work for the individuals involved, and we were pleased to be able to offer some help and support."

David Cotterill, Director of New Business at Chelmer Housing Partnership, said: "The work done by Extra Steps is an excellent example of a voluntary project that improves quality of life for both special needs children and their carers. At CHP we are delighted to be able to help fund the CVS, thereby offering support to groups such as this."

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