



## **OC5 STAFF BRING COMFORT TO SICK CHILDREN**

Generous call centre staff have brought a little extra comfort into the lives of sick children at a Teesside baby hospice.

OC5 employees on the Wilton International site have raised £4,000 for specialist baby care equipment at Zoë's Place, Normanby.

The money means the hospice, which provides respite, palliative and terminal care for children to the age of five, has been able to buy a special cot that adjusts to allow more restful breaks for the children and easier access for nursing staff.

Joan Stainsby, head of fundraising for Zoë's Place, said: "We are extremely grateful for the contribution of everyone at OC5. The cot will make a big difference to the children's lives.

She added: "We rely almost entirely on the generosity of local people and local businesses and contributions like this are vitally important to us."

Zoë's Place, which opened in 2004, has three similar cots, which tend to last around five years before needing to be replaced. It currently provides support to around 20 families in the area.

OC5, which employs around 160 people, is owned by SembCorp Utilities UK and carries out work on behalf of British Gas Business.

Staff raised the £3,250 through a collection during a special 'Oscars' presentation evening and a wide variety of individual sponsored events. The remaining £750 was donated by British Gas Business.

Now, the team is looking to raise a similar amount by the end of the year to either purchase or sponsor another cot for Zoë's Place.

Mike Fleming, OC5 team leader, said: “All the staff think Zoë’s Place is a great cause. It’s on our ‘doorstep’ here at Wilton and people really got behind the efforts.”

Pictured with the cot are (left to right) Mike Fleming, Lisa Clarke, James Collier, Zoë’s Place support worker Janet Richard, Ann Dearn of British Gas Business and Liddy Mills.



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