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Scottish Prison Service

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Support for PLUS - The Family Hub, Cornton

The Dunblane Centre was established using funds generously donated from all across the world following the tragedy at Dunblane Primary School in March 1996. A charitable, self-funding youth and sports centre trust, we offer activities, classes and the chance to meet up for all ages from the very young to the elderly.

We have had ongoing links with PLUS for many years in various ways and I know what a huge difference their facilities make to families within the Forth Valley area. From neurodivergent youngsters to wheelchair-bound adults and so many others with additional support needs of every kind, the amazing provision at PLUS is so important not only to those individuals who access it within our community, but to their families as well who gain precious respite time, knowing their loved ones are so well looked after in the very capable care of PLUS.

A considerable number of our customer families are supported by PLUS. The facility is so needed that I am aware there is a considerable waiting list. By finding a new permanent home, more vulnerable people could be helped by PLUS in the local area.

Last summer, PLUS hosted their Families Day at the Dunblane Centre and we were thrilled to be able to welcome as many as could attend to use our facilities. One thing we could not provide them with, and which PLUS had to hire in to our car park for the day, was a Pam-i-loo - a portable, fully accessible disabled changing facility with a hoist and adult-size changing surface. I know from having visited PLUS that this built-in facility is just one of the many wonderful adaptations that PLUS has as standard. By being able to have the asset of this new building, no-one in our community would be off limits and their vital services would be available to all users.

We were shocked when we learned that PLUS had been asked to vacate their existing premises as we understand the massive impact that the loss of their services would have on so very many families. The Family Hub in Cornton is so central and would be a wonderful new location for PLUS. Light, bright and with additional garden space, it would make an ideal spot for the charity's new home.

The Dunblane Centre fully supports PLUS in its application for asset transfer of The Family Hub, Cornton, so that it can continue its hugely valuable work.

Kind regards,

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Dunblane Youth & Sports Centre Trust

