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Subject: Support for PLUS

Good afternoon

We are writing to tell you how much PLUS means to our family.

Our son who is 13 has autism and developmental delay.

When PLUS was on during the February school holidays he asked us if he could take a cake to PLUS. It was the 10 year anniversary of him first going to PLUS. He had seen it on a form and remembered. Everyone was delighted to share in the celebration with him and his cake!

As we live in a rural location, there isn't a lot going on for him here. He has always gone to school in Stirling so his friends are there. PLUS gives him an opportunity to regularly meet with his friends outside of school.

As a family, we rely on PLUS and are thankful for all they do. Inclusion is a huge part of this as there aren't many opportunities for children with additional needs. Especially during school holidays and at a weekend it is so helpful to have PLUS because our son needs structure and also activities to break up his day.

For PLUS to have a bigger dedicated and adapted centre for the children and young people would be amazing. There would be far more scope for organising events for parents and families in addition to all the activities for the young people.

PLUS is like an extension of family and we really hope that you will work with PLUS to enable the organisation to have new premises and the stability it needs by having new premises. Dedicated spaces for different activities and different age groups would be wonderful. The young people would also benefit from being part of the local community.

Please do email if you would like any more information but we, as a family, couldn't do without PLUS. Our son loves it so much and he will remember when it's his 20th anniversary of starting PLUS and want to celebrate again with cake.

Thank you
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