



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Holiday Inn presents cheque to TRACKS patron Lady Hobson

Hertfordshire's only specialist early years autism centre received a boost to its funds last week when national hotel chain Holiday Inn presented the charity with a cheque, following an inter-hotel football tournament.

Lady Hobson MBE, patron of the early years charity, received the cheque for almost £500 on behalf of Stevenage based TRACKS autism, which is one of only three such centres of excellence for children with autism in the UK.

"The money presented today will pay for much needed play equipment to help the young children that attend the centre develop their physical skills", she said. "It will help the incredibly dedicated staff here achieve even more with the children that attend."

A team from The Holiday Inn Stevenage organised the football tournament, which brought together hotel staff from the chains hotels across the country to Stevenage. The tournament was followed by a glamorous evening event, which included an auction of football memorabilia.

"The work they do here at TRACKS is so vital to the children, their families and the local community as a whole," said Gerard Ryan, General Manager of Holiday Inn Stevenage, speaking at the presentation. "It's a huge boost to us and all our staff to be able to help this incredibly hard working local charity."

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Notes:

1. Tracks provides one to one care and early year's education for children aged between two and five years with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) and related conditions.
2. Tracks celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012

3. Tracks patrons are Jane Asher, Lady Hobson and Baroness Howarth
4. Photographs available on request