



The EC Roberts Centre Celebrates Re-opening of Playground

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Portsmouth - August 27, 2010 -- The EC Roberts Centre, a unique child focused Charity dealing with homelessness and relationship breakdowns, today celebrated the re-opening of their outdoor play area with a Mad Hatters Tea Party. The re-opening was made possible by the generous fundraising efforts of their supporters.

Work on the playground was scheduled after the old surface was found to be slowly deteriorating. Concerns over funding for the repairs led to the Charity desperately needing help to ensure the children were able to continue to use the much sought after outdoor space.

Carole Damper, Chief Executive of The EC Roberts Centre said 'Thanks to our supporters, the new play area has ensured that the children that come to us are able to enjoy the increased range of activities that the playground gives them. This enables them to grow their self-confidence and social skills through activity and play'.

Katy McFarlane, Nursery Manager of The EC Roberts Centre Day Nursery added; 'The children are delighted with the new bounce floor. It is critical that young children are given opportunities to learn fundamental movement skills. Free play is an essential part of developing healthy children and ensuring that they grow up to be active adults'.

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About The EC Roberts Centre:

The EC Roberts Centre is a unique child focused Charity in Portsmouth with a range of services offering support and assistance to families in addressing their situation of homelessness or dealing with the issues of relationship breakdown. Services offered include the Roberts Day Nursery and Child Contact Centre Services.

The EC Roberts Centre is a registered charity no: 1066611.

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