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Walton-on-Thames and Chessington Nurseries hold charity tenpin bowling match for veterans' charity

- Staff from the two Toad Hall nurseries raised over £750 for The Royal Star & Garter Homes
- They went head-to-head in the sponsored fundraiser at Hollywood Bowl Tolworth
- Toad Hall HQ matched the amount raised by staff and parents of children at the nurseries

Staff at Toad Hall Nurseries in Chessington and Walton-on-Thames have held a charity tenpin bowling match to raise money for veterans' charity The Royal Star & Garter Homes.

They raised £768 when they went head-to-head at Hollywood Bowl Tolworth on Friday 5th October, 2018.

Children at Toad Hall Nursery, Chessington, have been visiting The Royal Star & Garter Home in Surbiton weekly since April and, as a result, staff decided to raise money for the Charity through the sponsored tenpin bowling match, which featured two teams of nine.



Staff raised £384 from the event through sponsorship, which was then matched by Toad Hall Nursery head office.

Emma Ockenden, Nursery Manager at Toad Hall, Chessington said: *"We like to pick a charity yearly and because we come to the Home in Surbiton every Friday it felt right to get involved with the Charity. Our children love going there, and it felt appropriate to be*

supporting the veterans they enjoy seeing each week."



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Caring for the nation's military family since 1916



Ashlea Sexton, Nursery Manager at Toad Hall, Walton-on-Thames, said: *“As a nursery we are looking after the younger generation and its lovely to see how to look after the older generation. The feedback we receive is residents absolutely love their visits. I have been at the Chessington nursery when children have returned from the Home in Surbiton and they have been smiling from ear to ear. They tell us about the people they have met and the conversations they have had and it’s a really lovely experience for them.”*

Raquel Pena Aristizabal, Activities and Volunteers Manager at the Home in Surbiton, said: *“Residents already benefit incredibly from the children’s weekly visits, holding a fundraising event for them is such a kind gesture, we are very grateful.”*



Toad Hall Nursery has 13 nurseries throughout the South East, providing a welcoming, safe and nurturing environment for children aged between three months and school age, to learn and play.

To sponsor the tenpin bowling fundraiser go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ashlea-sexton2

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About The Royal Star & Garter Homes:



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The Charity provides award-winning care for veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia.

The Royal Star & Garter Homes is a charity founded in 1916 to care for the severely injured young men returning from the battlegrounds of the First World War. Today we provide specialist care to the whole military family in our friendly, state-of-the-art Homes. Disabled ex-Servicemen and women, and their spouses, can all benefit from our pioneering approach to nursing, dementia and therapeutic care.

We are in the process of building new Homes around the country to provide specialist nursing care for disabled ex-Service people in the best modern surroundings, including dementia care facilities to address this growing need. The Charity has award-winning Homes in Solihull, West Midlands, and Surbiton, Surrey, which also enables the Charity to offer interim care for young disabled Service personnel. Following the successes of the first two Homes, a third Home in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is being built, with a planned opening in 2018.

We are proud to have enjoyed Royal patronage since our foundation, including that of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II from 1953 to the present day.

The Charity celebrated its centenary in 2016: providing specialist care for disabled veterans since 1916.

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