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Dear Mary

On behalf of the staff and children at the Honeypot Children's Charity, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to you and everyone within District 11 Inner Wheel for the donation of £1,500 that you kindly presented to us on zoom yesterday and then we received by post this morning. We are so grateful for the ongoing support of Inner Wheel and would like you all to know that we value every single contribution that we receive, especially at the moment when young carers are even more isolated and under more pressure than usual. Thank you.

Honeypot provides respite breaks and ongoing outreach support to over 1500 young carers age 5-12 from Honeypot House in the New Forest and Honeypot Pen y Bryn in Wales. As a charity we rely on donations in order to continue our much-needed service because we receive no government funding. We simply could not do this without the kind support and generosity of local organisations and businesses, community groups and individuals.

As you heard in yesterday's zoom webinar, Honeypot has risen to the challenges of Covid19 and adapted our services significantly to support our young carers at home - online, by post and phone. We have now launched our new Wrap-Round support services to include our online support of young carers and a well being fund into our established respite offering.

We have continued to provide educational support for local schools through our SEAL programme (Social, Emotional and Active Learning). It has been challenging to adapt our SEAL breaks to both online and short face to face interactions but the feedback has shown how worthwhile it has been with one little girl (age 10) saying "I liked how even though we'd never met you, we could trust you and even though there were some questions we didn't want to answer we still did, and it helped us. Even my mum said that before Honeypot I was a lot sadder but now, I can express my feelings to a lot more people"

This donation from District 11 Inner Wheel is enough to fund a 2hr weekend online Honeypot activity workshop for 36 young carers. In March we offered 68 spaces on themed workshops and this month, over the Easter holidays, our workshops have included the following themes: Making Peanut Butter & Jam flapjacks or Bread Rolls in Baking workshops; Science "Storm in a glass"; Boxercise; Spring Arts & Crafts. These online sessions give children a break from looking after someone they love and are full of fun, games, giggles and contact with other young carers and Honeypot staff. They really do make a huge difference to the lives of the children that Honeypot supports, especially at the moment. One parent commented in feedback: "I had such a sad girl when she woke this morning, but now after the workshop she is beaming! Thank you Honeypot." Thank you for helping Honeypot provide these sessions for young carers.

Everyone at Honeypot is looking forward to when restrictions allow us to fill Honeypot House and Honeypot Pen y Bryn with children's laughter again. It is thanks to all your support that Honeypot can continue to give young carers the opportunity to make the most of their one chance at childhood. Thank you.

With very best wishes

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