

Providing a brighter future

As one of the country's premier charities for supporting children with special needs, The Lord's Taverners is dedicated to backing projects and initiatives which allow disadvantaged youngsters to enjoy a sporting chance in life.

The Lord's Taverners has become synonymous with the donation of their specially-adapted minibuses and put nearly one per week on the roads, which allows children throughout the country with disabilities and special needs to get out and about and enjoy a normal life.



THE BRIDGE SCHOOL, ISLINGTON

The Bridge is a community special school in Islington, North London and caters for pupils with autistic spectrum disorders and profound and multiple learning difficulties. The result of the merger of The Harborough and Rosemary School, The Bridge's specialist area of work is addressing communication and interaction difficulties.

The Lord's Taverners first became associated with The Bridge in 2005 when the charity donated three specially adapted minibuses to the school. In 2007 The Lord's Taverners extended their support of The Bridge by providing them with a grant of £25,000 for the installation of a sensory integration room at the school's secondary site.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S LIVES

**Milton Bevan, Chief Fundraising Officer
for The Bridge School:**

"The Lord's Taverners contribution to The Bridge was the first and most substantial donation we received as a school. The minibuses are absolutely essential to us, allowing us to transport the kids between the two sites which the school is on. We wanted to allow the children to get out and about,

whether they are going into the community, going out to participate in sports, going for therapy, or going to the local swimming baths to have a swimming lesson. Before we received the minibuses this would have been a prohibitive cost to us, having to hire them and the drivers.

"The thing that The Lord's Taverners support has given us is independence, so we can do all of the above and go whenever we want. If the kids get invited to attend an event, such as a disabled friendly theatre production, we can take them on the spur of the moment and the kids aren't let down by not being able to attend these exciting events simply due to the expense of transportation. That is the biggest difference that it has made to us. It gives us this freedom.

"When we needed a third minibus The Lord's Taverners committee of trustees came to us and said that they had reached the 750th minibus to be donated, and they wanted The Bridge to be the school who received it. That was such a special day! We took the kids to Lord's Cricket Ground where they got to meet Mike Gatting and Freddie Flintoff. It was the day before the first Ashes Test and they took the time to come back to the school with us. It was an unbelievable and fantastic day and the kids were absolutely overwhelmed."

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“The buses help us enormously. They are used daily to take the kids bowling, trampolining, ice skating and swimming. Being able to go out into the community has a hugely positive effect on the children's development and it teaches them all sorts of important life skills. If we hadn't received the buses from The Lord's Taverners we just wouldn't be able to do these sorts of things, as it is such a huge expense and we simply don't have the budget. The ease of being able to go out in the buses whenever we want makes life fantastic.”

REACHING OUT

**Milton Bevan, Chief Fundraising Officer for
The Bridge School:**

“We approached The Lord's Taverners initially when I found out that the Taverners are dedicated to giving children of all backgrounds and abilities a sporting chance. So when we had to fund the sensory integration room, we sought help from The Lord's Taverners.

“At the grand opening of the sensory room, John Alderton came down to present the grant to us. He was playing games with the kids and joining in with the singing and dancing. The sensory integration room is fantastic since some of the children have very little communication ability, so it helps them to express themselves in a safe and fun environment. It means that the children are able to make themselves understood in nonverbal terms. It's a great form of development and personal growth.”

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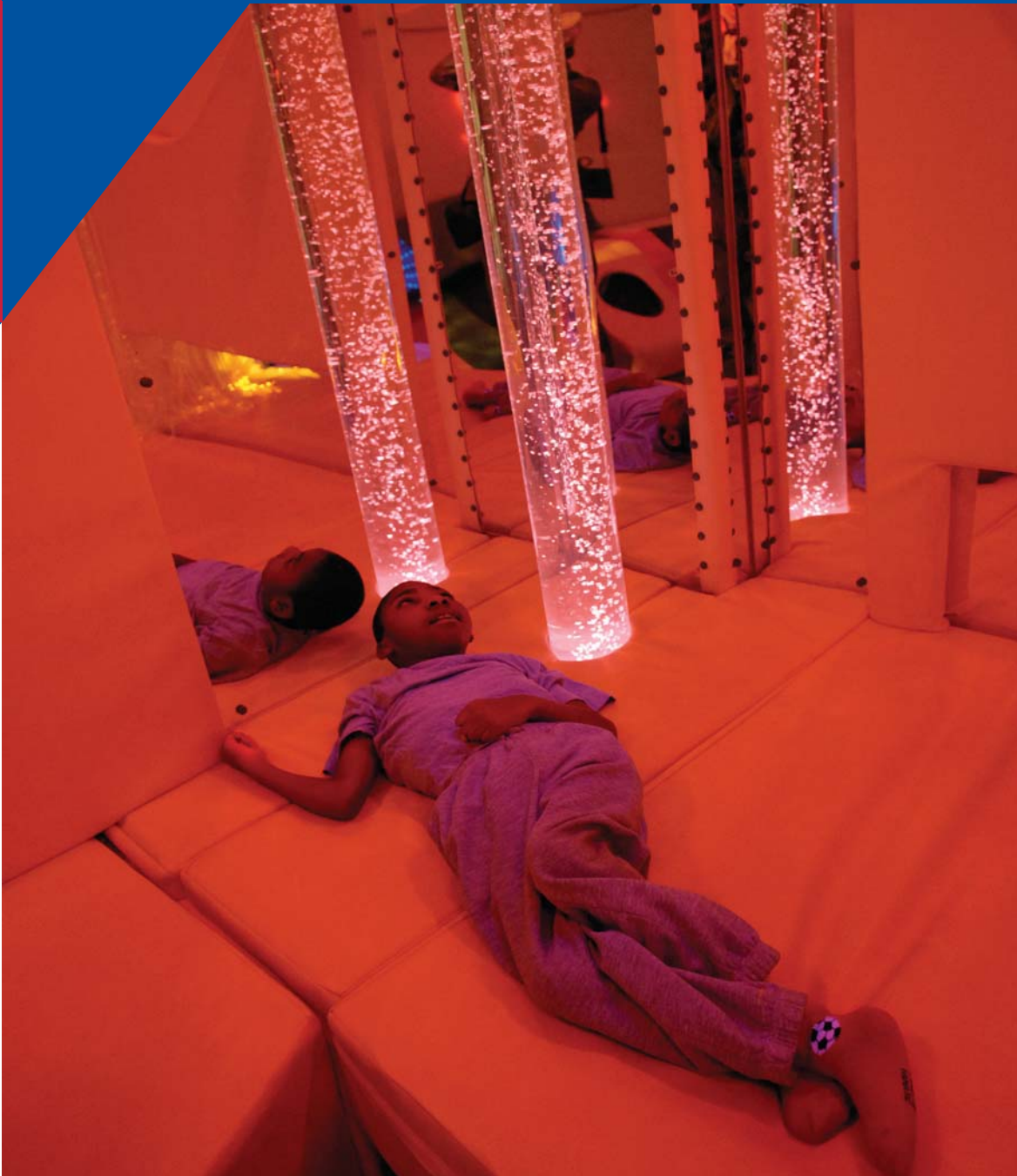
“The sensory room is amazing. It allows the children to do things that they never would have been able to do before. It is used for educational purposes, stimulation and as a calm-down room for children who are overexcited and have too much energy. There are a range of activities that the children can do in these rooms to match the needs of the individual.

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“These facilities and opportunities, make a great difference to a child’s day. It means they can get out of the classroom and then it gives them the choice of how they want to spend their time. We also use these as rewards. If they do their school work, they get to spend some time in the sensory integration room to play. This is meaningful for the child and different rewards are tailored to the specific child’s needs.”

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The Lord's Taverners is one of the UK's leading youth sports and disability charities and cricket's official recreational charity.

The Lord's Taverners believes that sport and recreation are essential for children and young people to help them build their self-esteem, health, well-being and future social, personal and educational potential.

Our mission is to give a 'sporting chance' to young people in need; those who through physical, mental, social, environmental or economic disadvantage, not of their own making, would otherwise miss out.

We achieve this by encouraging participation in youth cricket, particularly in disadvantaged areas – providing grants towards non-turf pitches, funding for youth cricket competitions and donating hundreds of cricket bags to clubs and school teams across the UK.

Also, supporting recreational and sporting activities for youngsters with special needs – donating specially adapted minibuses and sports wheelchairs giving young people vital transportation and access to sport, and providing grants for play and sports equipment.

This year The Lord's Taverners will help tens of thousands of young people of all abilities and backgrounds participate in cricket and other sporting and recreational activities.

Our strongest sporting relationships are with the cricketing family, but we also work with other sports including tennis, basketball and rugby.

The Lord's Taverners benefits hugely from the support of The Lady Taverners, Young Lord's Taverners, our regions and 5,000 members, many of them drawn from the world of sport and entertainment.

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