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Local charity, The Trinity Family Centre based in Westcliff-on-Sea is celebrating receiving a cheque for £3,050. The grant was awarded from the Southend Fund which is managed by local grantmaking charitable trust, Essex Community Foundation.

The Trinity Family Centre works with people of all ages, providing an alternative place to meet and build family links. Various clubs are run at the Centre, including a parent and toddler group, an after school club, a family club and a young offenders programme. They also offer help and advice on housing problems, budgeting, and parenting as well as providing access to local training opportunities in management training, playwork, first aid, food hygiene and food safety. The grant they have received will provide staff and volunteer training to improve the services that they offer.

Louise Dipper, Project Manager at the Centre said "We are thrilled to receive this funding. It will make such a difference to us and the clubs that we run. We are extremely grateful to the Southend Fund and Essex Community Foundation for supporting us".

The Southend Fund is managed by local grantmaking charitable trust, Essex Community Foundation, which manages funds on behalf of individuals, companies, charitable trusts and public agencies who want their charitable giving to support local people. Since it was established by Howard Briggs in his Mayoral year of 2001/02, the Southend Fund has distributed 61 grants totalling nearly £60,000 to charities and community groups in Southend.

For more information about the Southend Fund or Essex Community Foundation, how to apply for a grant, deadline dates for applications, how to make a donation and how to establish a Charitable Fund visit the Foundation's website www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or www.thesouthendfund.org.uk or call 01245 3559477.

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Notes to Editors:

Photo Caption: Carole Golbourn, Trustee of Essex Community Foundation, presents members of the Trinity Family Centre with a cheque for £3,050

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