

NEWS RELEASE

Publication: 30 July 2010



LOCAL COMPANIES POOL MONEY FOR CHARITY

121 New London Road,
Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT
T. 01245 355947
F. 01245 346391
general@essexcf.org.uk
www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Local charity, Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled is able to buy specialised riding equipment thanks to three local companies pooling their money.

The funding, which totalled £1,095, was awarded from the e2v foundation, Essex & Suffolk Water Community Fund and the Baker Tilly Charitable Fund, all of which are managed by local grantmaking trust, Essex Community Foundation.

Andy Bennett from e2v said "after making donations from our charitable fund, the e2v Foundation, during the year, we had a small amount of money left and weren't sure how best to spend it. When ECF offered us the opportunity to pool it with available funding from two other Funds, it was the perfect solution."

Sandra Crouch from Baker Tilly added "our staff and partners are regularly involved in fundraising activities to grow our corporate charitable Fund. Whilst the amount we give away each year will grow in time, at the moment it is quite small so it was great when ECF suggested we pool our available funding with two other Funds to have a greater impact."

Thanks to the combined funding, Barrow Farm is able to replace worn out specialist equipment including stirrups, toe stoppers, 'dapps' and leathers. As well as enabling children and adults with disabilities, the opportunity to learn to ride, there are many added benefits which the riding sessions provide, such as improvements to balance and co-ordination, increased suppleness, joint mobility and muscle tone improvement.

Caroline Taylor, Programmes Director at ECF said, "we currently manage 65 charitable funds and pooling small amounts of funding to make one larger grant is very effective. We are delighted that three of our corporate fundholders worked together with Essex Community Foundation to make this grant possible, it is a great example of pooling resources to really make a difference to our communities."

Essex Community Foundation is an independent grantmaking charitable trust, established in 1996, which manages funds of behalf of companies, individuals, families and public agencies.

For information about ECF or to set up your own named charitable fund, visit www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or call Bob Sherer on 01245 355947.

[Ends]

(248/080710)

Cont ...

Patron: Lord Petre, The Lord Lieutenant of Essex
Chief Executive: Laura Warren OBE DL

Company limited by guarantee
Registered in England
Company No. 3062567
Registered Charity No. 1052061

For further information contact

Caroline Taylor/Jo Murphy
Essex Community Foundation
Tel: 01245 355947 Fax: 01245 346391
E-mail: general@essexcf.org.uk

Notes to Editors

Essex Community Foundation was set up in 1996 and has established a grants programme which has seen more than 4,000 grants totalling over £15 million awarded to Essex based charities and community groups. Funds are distributed on behalf of a wide range of donors who want their charitable giving to be accessible to local charities. www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Community Foundations are independent charities committed to supporting projects that engage local people. Since the 1980s, a nationwide network of Community Foundations has developed, endorsed by many major public figures and leading companies.

There are 1000's of charities and voluntary groups working for the community to create a richer society for all. Community Foundations build endowed funds and make grants to these organisations.

- There are 57 local Community Foundations in the UK covering 94% of the population
- Collectively they manage endowed funds values at circa £220 million
- In 2007/08 Community Foundations distributed grants totalling £66 million and funded 20,500 voluntary organisations and community groups

About e2v

e2v is a leading designer, developer and manufacturer of specialised components and sub-systems. e2v is organised into four divisions: High performance electron devices and subsystems, advanced CCD and CMOS imaging sensors and cameras, specialist semiconductors and a range of professional sensing products. They enable innovative systems for medical & science, aerospace & defence, and commercial & industrial applications. With 1600 employees in 6 manufacturing plants through Europe and the US, and sales and support offices in 4 key global territories, as well as a network of distributors and representatives covering other key territories, e2v has a true global presence. e2v is listed on the main market of London Stock Exchange (e2v.l). For the year ended 31 March 2010, the Company achieved sales of £201m. Further information is available from www.e2v.com.

Baker Tilly

- Baker Tilly is the trading name of a number of separate legal entities which together form a £204m (gross fee income), top 10 business of accountancy, tax and business advisers to entrepreneurial businesses.
- Key professional services: audit and advisory, restructuring and recovery, corporate finance (AIM and PLUS specialists), e-commerce, forensic accounting, litigation support, tax and tax investigations, VAT.
- Sector expertise: charities and education, agriculture, automotive, media, manufacturing, pensions, professional practices, public sector, property, social housing, retail and leisure.
- Baker Tilly has over 2,200 members of staff and over 280 partners with 30 offices throughout the UK.
- Baker Tilly International is the world's 8th largest accountancy and business advisory network by combined fee income of its independent members. It is represented by 147 independent firms in 114 countries with combined fee income of US\$3.13bn and 26,000 people worldwide.