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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS

The International Day of Disabled Persons on Thursday 3rd December aims to raise awareness of disabled people's rights at national and international level.

Within the UK, the government recognises that lots of different groups need to work together to ensure that the rights of people with learning disabilities turn into reality.

Tenants at Sackville Gardens recently benefitted from this joined up working.

They were delighted to receive a cheque for £250 earlier this month to help them kit out their kitchen.

The five tenants, all with learning disabilities, are planning to live independently in Housing Association accommodation in Hove.

The money, donated by the Tony Barnard Foundation, will help them to provide much needed equipment for their kitchen that will in turn support them to develop their cooking skills and the range of food they prepare.

The donation was presented by Jennifer Barnard Langston at the regular meeting of tenants and family members.

Jennifer said, "We are delighted to be supporting this new adventure for these 5 young people and the donation will help them to go shopping for the things that will make their home more comfortable."

Annie King, the manager of the Grace Eyre Choices scheme which is supporting the tenants explained "This generous contribution will help equip the tenants' house. The moving date is set for early December and there is much to be done but also great excitement about establishing a new home."

"Living independently is a basic human right and at Grace Eyre we are experienced in working together with individuals and other organisations to support people with learning disabilities to achieve this and other aspects of their independence."

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About Grace Eyre

Grace Eyre is a charity supporting people with learning disabilities to make the most of opportunities in their communities. It provides person centred services to 200 people, employs some 80 staff and is supported by over 50 volunteers. Its work covers East and West Sussex and the Brighton & Hove district.

About The Tony Barnard Foundation

Former Mayor Jenny Barnard-Langston and her husband Mark Barnard have established a fund raising foundation in memory of Mark's father - Tony Barnard – to benefit children and adults with learning difficulties in Sussex.

For further information

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