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FREDDIE GETS PM AWARD

A 10-year-old boy who has helped raise thousands of pounds to create the Freddie Farmer Foundation Physiotherapy Centre has been recognised by the Prime Minister.

Freddie Farmer from West Wickham has become the latest to receive a Points of Light Award which recognises outstanding individual volunteers who make a difference in their communities.

Freddie was born with cerebral palsy but refused to let it stop him achieving his dreams. He helped raise over £400,000 to create the Freddie Farmer Foundation Physiotherapy Centre, which uses ground-breaking equipment known as “the spider” to support children to walk again. In just over three years, hundreds of people have taken part in a variety of activities, from climbing Kilimanjaro to a marathon and 70s disco event.

In his letter, Prime Minister David Cameron said he was ‘delighted to hear that Freddie’s fundraising efforts have been successful and that the Freddie Farmer Foundation Physiotherapy Centre has now opened. He said ‘You should be very proud of this phenomenal achievement which will help disabled children across South London.

‘I believe it is my duty as Prime Minister to hold up examples of great volunteering and service as an inspiration to others. Through your hard work and dedication you are making our communities stronger, and our country a better place.

On behalf of the whole country, I hope this Points of Light Award can be a small way of saying thank you.’

On the charity’s Facebook page today, Freddie’s mum, Deanne, said: “To say we are thrilled for Freddie is an understatement but it really is thanks to you, our wonderful supporters that this has happened. Our goals have never been about receiving awards, it is about helping Freddie and many more children like him - having said that, we feel fantastic about this and so does Freddie. Well done everyone!”

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ABOUT FREDDIE FARMER FOUNDATION

The Freddie Farmer Foundation physiotherapy centre opened in April 2015 to provide intensive physiotherapy programmes for disabled children. The centre is one of a handful of independent UK therapy centres offering specialist equipment and therapeutic exercises, supporting disabled children from all over London and the South-east.

To find out more about Freddie Farmer Foundation, please visit www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk