

Why we need your support

Today, autism and other communication difficulties are being diagnosed at a much younger age. However, despite growing evidence of the positive impact of early intervention, there are very few organisations in the UK which exist to serve this young group and often parents have nowhere to turn for specialist education, expert help and guidance. Puzzle Centre can make a difference. The charity is fast-becoming the UK's leading authority on early years autism and has the necessary knowledge, experience, reputation and partnerships to provide early intervention and specialist education and support to many more young children and families in the UK. It is only funding that limits our reach and impact. We have bold ambitions to become a Centre for Excellence in Early Years Autism and would greatly appreciate your support.

We are extremely grateful to have received the support of a wide range of companies and community organisations including TSB Winslow, BRITA Water Filtration Systems, Ella Homes, Santander, Knorr-Bremse Railway Services, Opus Restructuring LLP, Buckingham Golf Club, Silverstone Golf Club, Winslow Rotary Club, local Masonic Lodges and many more. Together we have undertaken a wide range of community events and activities to raise awareness and much-needed funds towards the development and delivery of our services for young children with autism and other communication difficulties.

“The Puzzle Centre is a vital part of our local community and we’re really proud to have them as our Local Charity Partner”.

TSB Winslow

We’d be delighted if you would consider choosing Puzzle Centre as your Charity Partner. Your support at any level will make a significant difference to what we can achieve for young children with autism and consequently, what they can achieve for themselves.

Thank you ;

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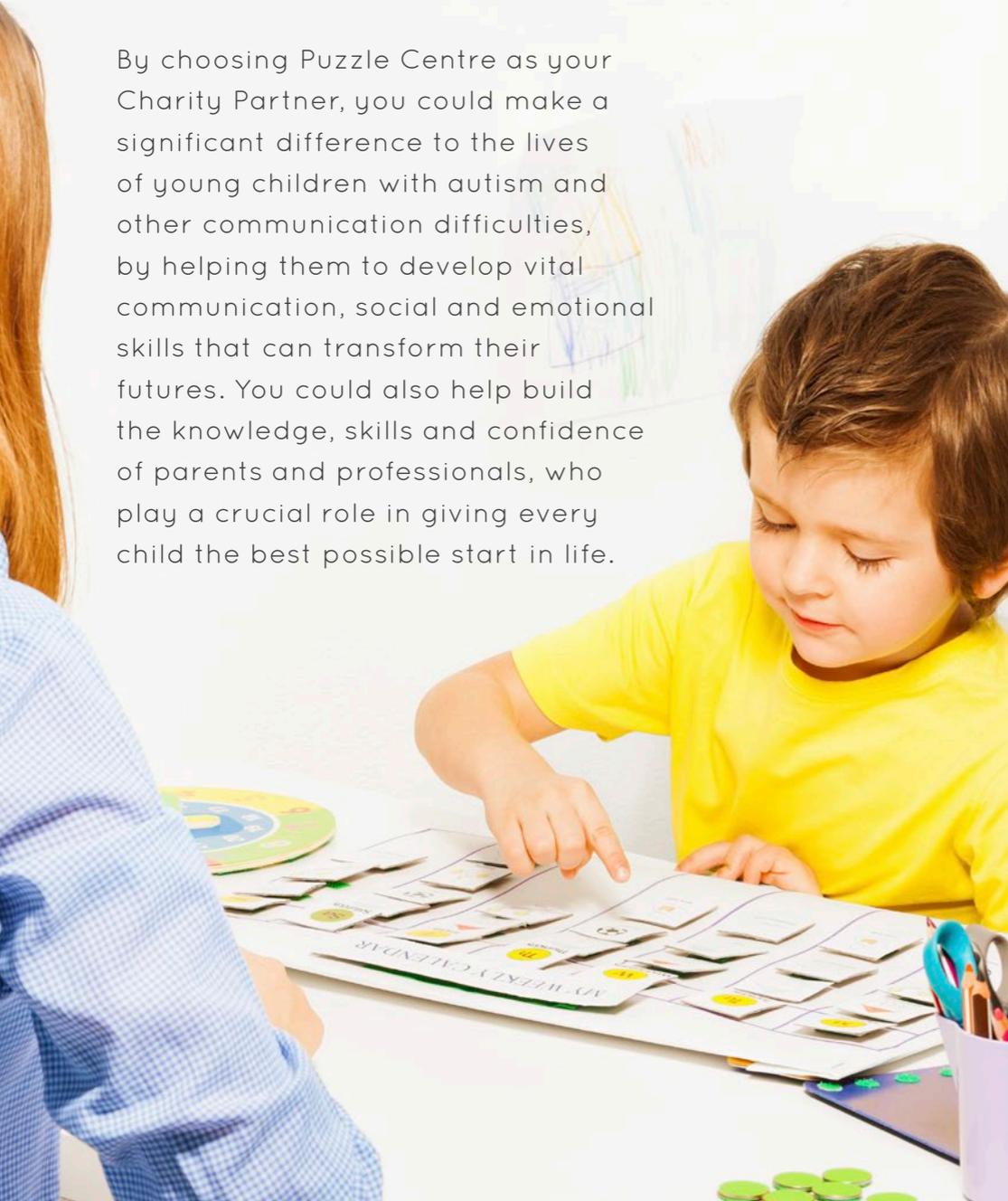
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Changing lives through
early intervention,
specialist education,
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By choosing Puzzle Centre as your Charity Partner, you could make a significant difference to the lives of young children with autism and other communication difficulties, by helping them to develop vital communication, social and emotional skills that can transform their futures. You could also help build the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents and professionals, who play a crucial role in giving every child the best possible start in life.



Puzzle Centre would be delighted to be your charity partner.

Together we could:

- Change the lives of children with autism and other communication difficulties, by helping them to develop vital communication, social and emotional skills that can transform their futures.
- Help parents, early years practitioners and other professionals to recognise, understand and meet the needs of children who have autism and other communication difficulties.
- Raise national standards in early years autism by sharing with others our pioneering model of early intervention and specialist education, through training courses and information events.
- Raise awareness of early years autism and the services that are available to children and families who are in need of support and guidance.
- Develop, promote and implement a programme of community events, fundraising activities and volunteering opportunities for your staff and customers.
- Hold an Early Years Autism awareness event for your staff and customers (if appropriate).
- Raise awareness of the contribution our organisations make to the community and to celebrate the achievements of our partnership.

When Harrison came to Puzzle Centre he was unable to talk, refused to take part in any activities and became extremely anxious in many everyday situations. Through intensive one-to-one work with our speech and language therapists, gained the confidence and skills to express his needs and interests. He is now able to speak and write, he plays with other children, attends parties, interacts with his sister and copes much better with changes to his routine. Harrison now attends a mainstream school and has recently joined the school council!

About Puzzle Centre:

- Puzzle Centre helps children with autism and other communication difficulties to achieve their full potential. We help them to develop vital communication, social and emotional skills in their early years which can reduce the need for costly, ongoing specialist support in school and in later life, as well as reduce the risks of social isolation, mental health problems and financial hardship in adulthood.
- Our main services include a specialist nursery for children aged 2-5 years; a home-based outreach assessment and support service for children up to 11 years of age; support for families and training courses for professionals.
- Puzzle Centre's annual income is approximately £400,000; £250,000 of which is raised through charitable grants, donations and fundraising activities, without which we could not continue our work.

About Autism:

- Children with autism experience difficulties with verbal and non-verbal communication, social interaction and managing their emotions. They struggle to engage in the world around them, find it difficult to recognise people's emotions and often find ordinary sights, sounds, smells, tastes and touches extremely stressful. Consequently, most children with autism do not engage fully in learning, play or creative activities, which limits their life experiences, opportunities and independence from a very young age.
- Autism is a lifelong condition that affects 1 in 100 people. A study led by the London School of Economics and Political Science estimates that autism costs the UK at least £32 billion per year in treatment, lost earnings, care and support.
- Early intervention can help reduce the need for ongoing support and give children the solid foundations upon which to reach their full potential.

