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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing as a member of Friends of Grove house, which is a registered charity which supports the functions of Grove House Children's home in Gateshead. Grove House offers a respite and short break service to disabled children in the North East of England.

Due to government cuts and restricted local authority funding, Grove House are no longer receiving funding for a Minibus, therefore one of Friends of Grove House's main fundraising efforts is to replace it. This means that, the children who attend respite can continue to go on trips out, social activities and go out and about in the community. Public transport isn't an option for most of the children who attend due to their disabilities, and the minibus would also need to be wheelchair accessible. We are aware that there are charities who may be able to help with this, however they do require a considerable contribution.

In addition to fundraising for the minibus Friends of Grove House are also raising funds for things for the children to do while they stay, like toys, games, Ipad's, tv, some items more specific to certain children's, sensory or physical needs.

We would greatly appreciate a donation, or contribution of some kind towards our fundraising efforts, so that we can continue to support the fantastic service that Grove House provide and help make the children's stay as enjoyable as it can possibly be.

If you would like to know more about how you could help, feel free to email the above address, (which is also our Paypal address, if you would like to donate that way. We also have a Facebook page, which you could, 'like and follow' in order to keep up to date with what we have planned.

Yours Sincerely

Joanne Watson

(Parent /Carer of a child who currently attends Grove House)

And Secretary of Friends of Grove House.