



NORSACA
quality of life for people with autism

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High Praise for Autism Charity's Holiday

Praise has flooded in to the offices of autism charity NORSACA from holidaymakers in Gran Canaria following a recent trip to the resort by a group of 17 children with autism, along with 14 staff and volunteers.

One of the holiday makers, Jeff, said in an email:

“The children were an absolute pleasure to have around. Our memories of Jacob and Scott will stay with us forever and we would appreciate it if you could pass on to their families what wonderful well rounded boys they have bought up.

On a more serious note, your trip has certainly opened many people's eyes about children with autism and autism generally. I watched the children arrive and, even with no foresight into autism, we could see the changes in the children - they gained self esteem, confidence and independence very quickly.

I couldn't do the job that you do but hats of to you all, you are an amazing group of people to do what you do and it was a pleasure to meet you all.

P.S. If you do manage to raise the funds to run another trip, please do let us know when!!”

Another holidaymaker's email read:

“May I just begin by saying WOW! I don't know how else to describe what was a truly amazing and emotional week on many different levels. It certainly turned a lot of people's holiday into one that they will never forget. You were certainly the talk of the complex, in a very positive way.

As a family we'd like to help you achieve this again, so if you could forward me an address we will be sending you a donation of £150 to put towards your next visit.”

An email from Albert read:

“What you do as an organisation is fantastic and to be commended. People are all too quick to pass comment and give feedback if it's negative and are set to gain from it but very rarely give praise, which is why I have taken the time to do just that on my return to the UK, as what I witnessed last week was rare and special and deserves to be recognised.

The young people's growth during the 7 days that I was privileged enough to see was astonishing; independence, social awareness, communication and integration with the wider hotel community, as well as a huge leap in self confidence.”

The holiday was organized by Dawn Franklin, NORSACA's Play Project Co-ordinator and formed part of the charity's programme of play and leisure activities that take place throughout the year.

