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Autism charity thanks YOU for helping them win £50,000 of Lottery funding

Local autism charity NORSACA are celebrating today after winning almost £50,000 in the People's Millions competition. The result was announced live on ITV Central News last night (Tuesday 23rd November).

The charity gained the most votes in the public vote on Monday 22nd November and wishes to thank everyone who supported and voted for them.

Caroline Morrison, Acting Assistant Head Teacher at the Carlton site of the school run by NORSACA, Sutherland House School, said, *"We're all feeling absolutely fantastic, we're over the moon! We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff, parents and supporters and everyone who voted for us. Thank you too to the Big Lottery for making our dreams come true!"*

The charity will use the £48,670 funding to totally transform the playground at the Carlton site of the school. The new playground will provide a much better and more suitable play environment for the pupils, helping them develop vital play and social interaction skills. The



playground will also include a quiet space for relaxation, which helps to deal with anxiety and agitation caused by the condition.

The People's Millions 2010, which takes place on ITV Central evening regional news at the end of November, sees community groups go head-to-head in a bid to win a Lottery award for their good causes. Each night two groups make their bid for viewers' support to take home up to £50,000, with the public voting by phone to decide who wins the prize.

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Note to Editors:

The Big Lottery Fund distributes half of the National Lottery good cause funding across the UK. The Fund aims to enable others to make real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.

NORSACA (Nottingham Regional Society for Adults and Children with Autism) is a registered charity (No. 517954) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 2053860). The Society was started on the initiative of a group of parents in 1968 and today is still led by the parents and friends of people with autism.

Each year NORSACA delivers services to over 500 people with autism, or affected by autism. The people who benefit from NORSACA's work principally come from the East Midlands and South Yorkshire.

Autism is a complex, life-long disability which affects the development of communication, social and life skills.

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