



**NORSACA**  
quality of life for people with autism



## **Press Release**

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### **Play Scheme for Children with Autism Awarded £30,000 by BBC Children in Need**

Autism charity NORSACA is delighted to announce that BBC Children in Need have awarded them a grant of £30,095 over three years. The grant will support NORSACA's summer play scheme for children with autism.

The summer play scheme is one of many projects in the UK who have received a grant in the first of four rounds funding made possible by the generous support of the public in 2008, which amounted to a record breaking Appeal Night total of £20,991,216! NORSACA would like to thank the thousands of donors, fundraisers and organisations who 'did something different' and contributed to the campaign!

NORSACA offers support to people affected by autism from across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, surrounding counties and beyond. The summer play scheme is just one of the charity's services, which also include a specialist day school and further education college, support for adults with autism, and advice and support for parents and carers.

NORSACA's summer play scheme offers activities, learning, friendship and fun for children with autism in a safe and welcoming environment during the summer holidays.

Linsey Atkins, Principal Officer, NORSACA Family Services, said "The support of BBC Children in Need will enable us to ensure that children with autism get the opportunity to try out new activities and increase their self-confidence and communication ability in an autism-friendly environment."

David Ramsden, Chief Executive of BBC Children in Need, said "Our grants are made possible by the amazing generosity of the public. They make it possible for us to help such great projects as NORSACA's

summer play scheme continue to help change young lives for the better.”

Since November, the BBC charity has received thousands of applications for funding. These are rigorously assessed and considered in the months leading up to April by eight committees who pass on their recommendations to the Trustees of the charity.

All grants go to projects working with children and young people who may be affected by homelessness, neglect, abuse or poverty, or those who have encountered serious illness, disabilities and psychological disorders.

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**Note to Editors:**

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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