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Generous local people have helped Harpenden Mencap’s Christmas Appeal raise enough money to fund four days of ‘Above and Beyond’ care for every person in the Supported Living Service. That means 33 adults with learning disabilities benefitting from a total of 132 days of extraordinary care and support – a remarkable achievement made possible by community kindness.

What is ‘Above and Beyond’ care?

Harpenden Mencap faces a £2.23 shortfall in statutory funding per person, per hour of support. This ever-increasing gap means that charity must raise at least £150,000 every year to continue delivering essential services for adults with learning disabilities in Harpenden.

Angela Duce, CEO, said: “‘Above and Beyond’ care means going further than basic provision, providing extra time, flexibility and personalised support that makes a real difference to people’s lives.

“For our team, this extra mile is part of everyday life and especially vital during the festive season when routines are disrupted and other services shut for the holidays.”

What is Supported Living?

Harpenden Mencap’s Supported Living Service helps adults with learning disabilities live independently in their own homes with tailored support designed around each person. This can include hep with everyday tasks such as cooking, cleaning and laundry; support with health and wellbeing, including medical appointments and medication; and opportunities to stay connected to the community through work placements, social activities and holidays. All support is person-centred, meaning individuals’ choices, rights and aspirations are at the heart of every plan.

How you can help

While the success of the Christmas Appeal is being celebrated, Harpenden Mencap still relies on donations to continue providing life-changing support year-round. Anyone wishing to help ensure adults with learning disabilities receive the care they deserved is encouraged to get involved or donate via: [www.harpendenmencap.org.uk](http://www.harpendenmencap.org.uk)