

## Magic table arrives at Bracken House in Staffordshire



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A Staffordshire care home has raised Â£7,500, allowing its staff to purchase a Magic Table to help its customers living with dementia.

The table was installed last month and customers were joined by pupils from local primary school Highfield Primary School to test out the new table. The pupils also spent time the customers playing games and doing a bit of gardening.

The team at Bracken House in Burntwood, which is run by Accord Housing Association, went above and beyond their call of duty to raise the money to purchase a Tovertafel Magic Table.

The staff, along with customer family members raised the money by holding raffles and curry nights. Two local councillors, Councillor Helen Fisher and Councillor Susan Woodward, and the Burntwood Lions also donated to the cause.

The table aims to connect customers, who have dementia, with each other and with their surroundings, all the while stimulating movement. It provides a series of games for people with dementia, encouraging instinctive participation and engagement, and has even proven beneficial to customer's wellbeing.

Helen Brown, Registered Manager at Bracken House said: "The team are constantly striving to provide the customers a fulfilled life because of this, which was led by our care team members, Mandy Parks and Emma Kibble who set out to raise the Â£7,500 to purchase the Tovertafel magic table.

â€œOur staff, along with the families of our customers spent 12 months fundraising in their own time, completing presentations to other businesses and local councillors asking for support. The team managed to raise a massive amount and we were able to purchase a Tovertafel table, which is a massive achievement for Bracken House.

â€œI would like to thank you to Burntwood Morrisonâ€™s, Lichfield Waitrose, The Star Pub and Busy Bees for their help, as well as volunteer Pauline Hinsley. The team worked so hard and we are all very excited to see how much enjoyment the magic table will bring to our customers lives.â€œ

Bracken House is a residential care home catering for up to 34 adults over 65 with dementia, and was rated as Good following its latest CQC inspection and Outstanding for responsiveness. For more information on Accordâ€™s dementia services visit: <https://bit.ly/2qYUjrW>

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