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People's Postcode Lottery awards Whizz-Kidz an outstanding additional £25,000 to transform the lives of young disabled children in Great Britain!

Whizz-Kidz is delighted to announce that the players of the People's Postcode Lottery have awarded the charity an extra £25,000 in additional funding, bringing their support of Whizz-Kidz up to a total of £250,000 this year and over £500,000 since 2013.

The announcement was made on Thursday 28 January at the 2016 People's Postcode Lottery Gala Dinner, which took place at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh, and the funding will help transform the lives of many young wheelchair users across the UK.

Too many disabled children and young people do not have the equipment or the services they need to give them the freedom to fully enjoy their childhoods. The continued support of the People's Postcode Lottery will help Whizz-Kidz provide vital wheelchairs and other mobility equipment and skills training to young wheelchair users across the UK, giving them the chance to achieve their full potential.

On hearing the announcement, Ruth Owen OBE, Chief Executive of Whizz-Kidz, said: 'We are extremely thrilled to receive this additional funding from the players of the People's Postcode Lottery.'

'The evening was a fabulous celebration of the great support Whizz-Kidz and other charities receive from the People's Postcode Lottery. Without this support we would not reach as many young people and give them an opportunity to fulfil their potential.'

'In the last three years, their substantial awards have helped us to carry out life-transforming work. We are hugely grateful for the support of the players of the People's Postcode Lottery and look forward to working with them in the future.'

Clara Govier, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said: 'As People's Postcode Lottery continues to grow the amount that our players award to good causes continues to increase. We are very proud that our players can continue to support the development of these fantastic causes.'

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For more information about Whizz-Kidz visit our website www.whizz-kidz.org.uk or please contact Balshen Izzet, Head of Communications, 0207 798 6148 or b.izzet@whizz-kidz.org.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS:

- Whizz-Kidz provides disabled children and young people with vital mobility equipment, opportunities to meet and have fun, and training to help them gain skills and look forward to a brighter future.
- Whizz-Kidz has changed the lives of over 20,000 disabled children since 1990 - often literally overnight. There are thousands of children in the UK who need the right equipment to fit their young lives.
- The right wheelchair and mobility equipment is not automatically provided on the NHS. Whizz-Kidz aims to work where possible with local NHS services, and aims to ensure that much-needed improvements are made in delivering wheelchair services for children in the UK.