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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 February 2024 20:54  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PLUS Asset transfer application for the Family Hub

Hi [REDACTED]

I am emailing in regards to PLUS and the consideration of this charity being the preferred option for the Family Hub building.

The support PLUS provides family's in Stirling and surrounding area can't be quantified in a single email but I want to take the opportunity to highlight some of the family feedback I've had with those families and the appreciation they have for PLUS and to highlight some of the other provisions PLUS provide.

I've been told many times by families that they would be "lost" without PLUS. PLUS keeps families together by providing much needed respite. This looks different to each family. It might be for single parents accessing work giving them a sense of self again, time to have the space to give one to one attention to their non disabled children, elderly guardians a chance to rest, like minded children having the opportunity to come together to share experiences when they have felt isolated and secluded from their neurotypical peers, supporting families and local school's with the transition from children to adult service provision, providing a safe space for parent's with pre school children to have time with other parent's offering the opportunity to network and share experiences while PLUS staffing are caring for their children.

PLUS has an incredibly diverse staff team, where many of them are students at Stirling University. These students have then brought their learning back into PLUS (e.g. teaching, nursing, psychology) and Stirling when qualified with some even staying on and progressing within PLUS.

PLUS provides volunteer opportunities to both neurodiverse and neurotypical individuals, student placements, and school work placements offering care and coaching throughout and some of these have progressed into employment.

PLUS has provided training sessions to other organisations and hosts information sessions for families, where experts in different fields are invited to be guest speakers.

You only need to view PLUS social media to see the support it has within the Stirling Community.

There is a real need now, more than ever, to secure the future for PLUS and this includes the certainty and assurance of it's accommodation. Although PLUS are well supported and highly thought of by families and the community, there is the shared recognition that its new home is most important. Families were left incredibly concerned (to put it lightly) about a change of accommodation when informed the current lease would end. The Family Hub has the indoor/outdoor space to offer safety and security to the vulnerable children they support, which is practically impossible to find in other buildings, with the majority having one or the other (indoor/outdoor space) but not both.

To continue to provide this exceptional support and service, PLUS needs the dependability and assured future the Family Hub building can provide.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Best Wishes  
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