

## Quarriers gets a splash of colour from legal firm November 2009

Quarriers' Stopover service brightened up their corridors recently with a lick of paint courtesy of UK law firm Dundas & Wilson as part of an Employee Challenge.

On 27 November, Dundas & Wilson sent along six members of staff from its Glasgow Projects team as well as making a financial contribution towards the paint and materials. The team worked hard all day as they painted three key corridors that run through the centre.

Stopover supports 16-25 year old young people who have nowhere else to go through crisis accommodation. They each receive individual support to help them get back on their feet again. Stopover is a residential centre where they're able to offer a young person a bedroom within a communal living environment.

Brian McMenemy, Depute Manager at Stopover said: "This challenge is a huge benefit to the young people and it will really brighten the place up. It's a positive experience for the staff and young people and a huge opportunity as a service to have such a large company involved with us."

This is the first Employee Challenge Dundas & Wilson have taken part in with Quarriers. They'll be returning to Stopover (on Monday 14 December) to decorate the service with Christmas decorations to help the young people feel more at home over the festive period.

Eleanor Lane, Senior Associate at D&W said "Stopover is a very worthwhile cause - not only does it provide accommodation for young people in times of crisis but its staff work tirelessly to improve the prospects of those young people once they move on. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to contribute some of our time and resources to this project and to help ensure that Stopover continues to remain a benefit to local communities in Glasgow."

Employee Challenges are run through Quarriers' Volunteer Centre who encourage companies to take part in a project, usually as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility policies. Putting something back into the local community can be as simple as tidying a garden, helping to lay a new patio or giving a service like Stopover a makeover.

Emily Catterwell, CSR Officer for D&W said: "Dundas & Wilson is committed to supporting worthy causes within its local communities and when we were given the opportunity to assist with some decorating at Stopover we jumped at the chance. Stopover really is an asset to the local communities it serves and I think I speak on behalf of all volunteers from Dundas & Wilson when I say that we were all inspired and humbled by our experience. We really hope that our assistance helps to enhance the value of such a wonderful community resource for years to come and that the residents enjoy their newly painted surroundings."

### About Quarriers

- Quarriers is one of Scotland's largest social care charities. It provides much needed care and support for thousands of vulnerable children, young people, adults and families who face extremely challenging circumstances such as homelessness, learning and physical disabilities and epilepsy.
- With its growing team of highly trained staff, Quarriers supports many thousands of people through its 150 services across the UK.
- Founded in 1871 by William Quarrier at Bridge of Weir, just outside Glasgow, Quarriers now employs more than 2,000 staff and has an annual turnover of £42 million.
- The charity's work is carried out to meet one aim: to create a just and accepting society, where everyone can participate and enjoy life.
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