



Family Space celebrates 20th Anniversary with a Party for the Community. September 2015

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Family Space a local charity working with families celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

Family Space was set up in 1995 to work with families and their preschool children in the area of West Cheltenham.

Over the last 20 years Family Space has provided services ranging from holiday play schemes, a twins group, toy library, shoppers crèche, supporting a project in Vaslui, Romania,. More recently the work has included Stay and Play groups, Time Out for Mums support groups, a Befriender project, the Cheltenham Child Contact Centre, Parenting Classes as well as Christmas food hampers, clothes and baby equipment given out when needed.

Sarah Avery project manager for Family Space says that over the years Family Space has reached 1000's of people living in West Cheltenham. We are now beginning to see children we have worked with in the past begin to have their own children.

Over the last 20 years 14 staff have worked for the charity, over 200 volunteers and we have raised in excess of £1000000 to see this vital work with families happen.

Family Life can have many ups and downs and Family Space works with families who don't have access to support. We work with families in whatever they are facing at that moment and can give them support on their journey of parenting.

One Mums said "Family Space groups offer me a lifeline with somewhere safe I can go to take my children. I know I am going to find support in a tough time

Sarah Avery, Manager said "Family Space works with about 350 families each year so adding that total over the 20 years we have been going will be well into the thousands. We seek to support families in their journeys as they work in bringing their children up"

The party was celebrated with a visit from David Lloyd the Music Man, bouncy castles, face painting and a BBQ on the grass outside the building. A team of Waitrose Staff came along to help man the activities as part of their community volunteering scheme. Over 200 people turned up to say Thank you and well done to Family Space on their 20th anniversary. Sarah went on to say that "Family Space as a charity seeks to work with those families who cannot access the support they need for themselves.. As the manager of the Family Space I want to see the work we do here in this community increase and grow to have maximum impact on the lives of the families living in this area that desperately need some help and support."



If you would like to know more about the work family Space does or make a donation to the work then please get in touch with Sarah Avery at us@familyspace.org.uk