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Dear Trustees,

On behalf of Cyclists Fighting Cancer, I am writing to acknowledge the grant of £3000 made by The East Lancashire Masonic Charity to be used for specialist lightweight bikes for children with cancer in The Postcodes of M25, OL, M9, BB4. Thank you very much for your generous support of CFC. Families often contact us to say how much the CFC bikes and trikes have helped their children both physically and emotionally during incredibly difficult times. We are inspired to continue our work and help even more children and young people living with and beyond cancer. We recently received this feedback from a family and I thought it would be good to share it with you: Pierce was diagnosed at six years old with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL). A message we received from the family says,

'Pierce has found huge solace in his bike after his diagnosis. First and most important it puts an instant smile on his face. As a parent you start counting these a lot more after diagnosis, steroid treatment impacts their mood severely and the bike is his mood elevator! It offers physical well-being at a time when treatment means weight gain is an inevitable consequence. On days he was too tired he would bike. Pierce finds it difficult to walk after the chemo and steroid treatment combination each month for the best part of 10 days. It's due to bone loss as the chemotherapy targets his bone marrow. On days like these even though he struggles to walk he finds freedom on a bike. It keeps him mobile, out of a wheelchair and literally avoids him losing use of his legs. We quickly learnt after having a crawling 6-year-old that the only way to combat this is with activity. It tends to be an impossible feat on certain days, but the bike 7 out of 10 times can rescue us, even if it means activity for 15 minutes.

So, for all of this and making his days on this two- and half-year journey brighter we would like to say thank you to everyone involved for making it possible for Pierce to have the very special gift of a new bike. His happy place...'

I will be in contact with you in due course with a Feedback Report to update the Trust with how your grant has been spent. We really appreciate all your help and support.

Thank you and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura Parker'.

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