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Melin brings New Year joy to youngsters in hospital



Staff from Melin Homes are helping get the New Year off to a good start for youngsters at Nevill Hall Hospital children's ward by donating a Nintendo Wii, console games and £60 worth of gift vouchers.

The housing association's staff raised more than £350 for good causes recently by donating the money they would have spent on colleagues' Christmas cards to their annual 'Humbug' charity appeal instead.

Anne Beard, ward manager at the Children's Ward said: "We are so grateful to Melin for their donation. The Wii has already been set up in the play room on the ward and is proving to be an enjoyable and much-needed distraction for the children receiving their treatment. The general consensus is that it's great!"

Melin's Howard Jones, the 'Humbug' campaign organiser, said: "We set up our 'Humbug' charity appeal five years ago after we realised that the vast

amount of money we spent annually on colleagues' Christmas cards would be much better going toward good causes. Everyone at Melin was only too pleased that their money was going toward providing enjoyment to Nevill Hall's children's ward this New Year."

The money raised went toward this donation to Nevill Hall's children's ward and Gwent Alzheimer's Society.

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Photo caption: Melin's Clementine Hillman and Abigail Adams present youngsters from Nevill Hall with their new Nintendo Wii after raising money for the children's ward

Notes to editors:

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