

First Days Volunteer Day - Eton Bridge Partners

12th July 2017



A big big thank you to Eton Bridge Partners.

First Days were joined by a fantastic team from Eton Bridge Partners on 12th July who conquered our enormous Toy Mountain and much much more. The small group arrived at 9.30am and were eager to get involved and help First Days in any way they could. Raring to go the team jumped straight into action and helped action everything on our 'wish list' and move on to tasks that were planned to do in a few months and well into 2018.

In 6 hours they tackled the toy mountain, sorting, cleaning and putting away all the toys we had collected. Removed any broken toys (or those with missing parts) and sorted into age / types ready for allocation to families.

We had a team who removed our rubbish and donated items that we do not accept and cleared our 'recycling' room. Another group sorted and folded over 500 baby grows into sex, age and type ready for allocation.

The team lead by Managing Partner Ashton Ward, transformed our office space by moving the whole office which will have huge knock on effect to the efficiency of our operation. In 2 hours we had completely moved 2 office and relocated the toy room.



We are delighted to be working with such a fast paced, positive group and we will be welcoming another team in September. Eton Bridge partners have also donated money raised at their events and a team is taking on 'Tough Mudder' in September. All fundraising is being donated to First Days to help us fund the work we do.

The feedback from the team was great, Philip Muggerridge added "The Eton Bridge Partners team of 12 had a fantastic experience supporting the First Days team, everyone was warm, friendly and inspired to the cause of helping families in desperate need. We all felt a great sense of reward by helping redesign the office layout and tackle the mountain of toys. We already can't wait to give more on another volunteering day soon."



First Days helps families living in poverty by collecting pre-loved clothing, toys, furniture and equipment and redistributes it to families living in need via a network of child care professionals. Working with such a great team was a real 'boost' for the First Days team. Achieving so much in such a short space of time.



The impact it will have in terms of efficiency and the way we work is huge. It will mean we can process our referrals much quicker. Reaching families faster and helping local children living in poverty.

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