**Press Release**

**FOOD Club Needs Support to Continue Serving Peterborough Communities**

Family Action’s Peterborough FOOD Club, a vital resource for the communities of Dogsthorpe and Welland, is facing an urgent financial challenge. With the Household Support Fund Community Grants set to end in six-months’ time, the FOOD Club is in desperate need of support to remain open and continue providing essential services to local families.

The Peterborough FOOD Club currently supports over 100 members, with an additional 33 families on the waiting list. If the club is forced to close, more than 100 families could be left without access to the affordable, nutritious food they rely on.

To keep the FOOD Club running, £20,000 a year is needed. This funding will allow the club to continue purchasing food and providing the community with healthy and nutritious food boxes. These boxes, valued at £15, are offered to families for just £4.50, making them an essential lifeline for those struggling with the rising cost of living.

Sally Grieff, the manager of Family Action’s FOOD Club, emphasised the critical need for support: “The Peterborough FOOD Club is more than just a place to get food—it’s a community lifeline. We’ve heard directly from our members about the difference these boxes make in their lives. For some, it’s the difference between having a meal or going hungry. The need is urgent, and we’re asking for help to ensure we can continue supporting these families who depend on us.”

The impact of the FOOD Club is felt deeply by its members, as reflected in their heartfelt testimonials: “I wanted to say to you all how much our Friday box means but I got a bit overwhelmed. We literally live from it. It's a lifesaver. Thank you again.”

“The food boxes have become a salvation. We love seeing what we get and planning meals around the ingredients. We've been able to feed a struggling family, as well as feed my mum who has had 9 weeks in hospital. Thanks for all you do.”

“Just a note to say ‘thank you’ for being you and putting a smile on my face today. You are all doing a great job providing for people like me struggling with everyday pressures both financially and mentally.”

The FOOD Club’s closure would have a devastating impact on the local community. Family Action is urgently appealing for donations and support to keep this essential service running.

For more information on how to support the Peterborough FOOD Club, please contact fundraising@family-action.org.uk or to find out more about Family Action visit: [Family Action](http://www.family-action.org.uk/)

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 **About Family Action**

Family Action is a national charity supporting people through change, challenge and crisis, in local communities and through its UK-wide helpline, FamilyLine.

Founded in 1869, when societal norms about family were fixed and rigid, the charity that established the founding principles of social work has reinvented itself multiple times throughout its more than 150-year history. With its message that there are many ways to be a family, it’s relationships that matter, Family Action ensures it represents the changing needs of families and communities in the UK today.

Driven by the belief that family can shape the future, that early experience stays with us for better and worse and that everyone deserves dignity, respect and an equal chance at life, the charity runs specialist services that protect children and support young people and adults.

It provides direct, practical help to families and communities in need through a wide variety of programmes including help for new families, parenting, family and post-adoption support, counselling, youth mentoring, FOOD clubs and the National School Breakfast Programme.

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