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get around...



...your house?



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# The power to change



Mark has served 18 years in the electrical industry. He lives with his wife Lisa, in their own home in York with their 7 year old daughter Lily, 2 year old son Ben and 6 year old son Max who is severely disabled.

Max was born very prematurely at 26 weeks gestation. At 1 year old he was diagnosed with Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy, Dystonia and Chronic Lung Disease. Max is wheelchair bound and unable to do anything for himself. He cannot see or communicate. Mark and Lisa are currently lifting Max everywhere in the house, including up the stairs but he is getting very heavy to handle and this has become a safety issue.

Mark and Lisa have been awarded a Disabled Facilities Grant of £30k for a full 2 storey extension to their home to enable a through floor lift to be built which will transport Max up to his bedroom and wet room. The extension also includes a separate storage room for Max's equipment (2 x chairs, standing frame, walking frame, specialist bike etc). The total cost of the adaptation works, including the council fees, is over £80K and it is important to note that the Disabled Facilities Grant has not increased in line with inflation for many years. The council has offered a loan of £10K (secured against the property) and Mark and Lisa will use their £10K savings. Other charities have been contacted and a further £4K has been secured. In addition, we have contacted the Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust and they have agreed to fund the cost of a 'Changing Stretcher' which is an essential piece of equipment.

Mark and Lisa are now left with a shortfall of £26K which the Electrical Industries Charity has agreed to meet.



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