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CHARITY APPEAL FOR MACHINE TO HELP DISABLED CHILDREN TO WALK

THE charity that captured the hearts and minds of scores of Londoners with the successful 'Ready, Freddie, GO!' campaign to set up a specialised physiotherapy centre for disabled children has today announced a capital appeal to raise £55,000 to purchase a LokoHelp electromechanical gait trainer.

The Freddie Farmer Foundation charity on Elliott Road, Bromley near London has arranged to purchase the LokoHelp on a 12-month repayment plan with Cranlea Human Performance Ltd.

The LokoHelp compliments the vast array of specialist equipment and facilities provided at the new Bromley centre, most of which is not currently available on the NHS.

The LokoHelp is an electromechanical gait trainer that works with children in an upright position to enable the children to walk in the correct walking pattern, it builds up the leg muscles required for walking and encourages a more effective application of therapy in all phases of gait training.

"The benefits of the LokoHelp, through intensive sessions, includes building up the leg muscles, improves the walking gait and helps to rebuild the neural pathways for walking," said Colin Clifford, Senior Physiotherapist at Freddie Farmer Foundation. "Over 90% of our children are already benefiting tremendously from this machine."

For further information about the Freddie Farmer Foundation please contact charity officer Karen Smith on 020 8313 3707, email karen@freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk or visit the website www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk.

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ABOUT FREDDIE FARMER FOUNDATION

- The Freddie Farmer Physiotherapy Centre Ltd supports disabled children aged 3–16 years with cerebral palsy, developmental delay and co-ordination disorders and other non-progressive neurological disorders and syndromes.
- The Centre, on Elliott Road, Bromley near London, opened in April 2015 to provide intensive physiotherapy programmes for disabled children. It is one of a handful of independent UK therapy centres offering specialist equipment and therapeutic exercises, supporting disabled children from all over London and the South-east.
- To find out more about Freddie Farmer Foundation, please visit www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk