**Hair raising! – key worker raises £1350 with rainbow hair to fund garden gazebo so residents can enjoy socially distanced visits**

**(1st July, 2020)** Stevie Housley is a keyworker for [Ambient Support](https://www.ambient.org.uk/), a UK provider of social care, that look after some of the most vulnerable in our society

She works as the activities coordinator at Gardenia House Care Home, a community based, purpose built care home in the heart of Dartford.

Gardenia House has two small tranquil gardens in its grounds, which are fully wheelchair accessible for residents and visitors alike and have become increasingly important spaces during lockdown.

**On Thursday 2nd July, her waist length hair will be dyed all the colours of the rainbow to help fund a gazebo in the garden, so residents can continue to enjoy socially distanced visits from their relatives, regardless of the weather.** See her just giving page for more details <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stevie-housley>

Stevie chose to dye her hair in rainbow colours in support and honour of all the carers and residents during the pandemic.

She planned to raise £500 and is elated to have almost tripped her target with £1350 raised so far, says Stevie:

“The residents have been through so much during lockdown and are looking forward to socially distanced visits from family. Having waited such a long time, we can’t let the weather get in the way! I’m overwhelmed with the support and generosity from families and co-workers. Thank you all so much.”

Comments from supporters on her page include:

Good luck stevie, one awesome lady who will do anything for the residents she supports. ❤️

Wishing you well in the garden project for your residents, thanking you for their care.

Thank you for all you do and continue to do at Gardenia House. A big thank you to Stevie for taking up the challenge.

Nigel Odd, Manager at Gardenia House is incredibly proud of Stevie and her courageous fundraiser:

*“Stevie has gone above and beyond to raise funds and bring smiles to the faces of our lovely residents along the way. She is truly passionate about the people we care for and we all look forward to the many special moments that happen under our new gazebo.”*

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* They deliver services that meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable adults in our society. Operating in over 130 locations, they provide over 30 thousand hours of care to people on a weekly basis to support a range of needs due to the ageing process, learning disability or mental illness
* Their wide range of quality specialist services are delivered by dedicated, professional, and passionate staff and their success is built on supporting people to live a full and meaningful life.
* Ambient currently employs around 1,400 people across the UK in a number of settings
* Ambient can also help young adults who are transitioning from Children’s to Adult Learning Disability Services
* The Charity has an above industry average with 88% Registered Services rated as GOOD by CQC.
* Ambient recently joined Amazon smile. ‘Ambient Support Limited’ is now a listed cause that people can choose to support when they shop via Amazon Smile to help raise funds.