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GMFRS/Prince's Trust Old Trafford Team 8 – Community Project

Station Commander Alan Topping of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service is to officially open a play area that has been re-designed and decorated by Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Services Prince's Trust Old Trafford Team 8 is to take place at 1130 hrs on Friday 23rd April 2010 at Old Trafford Family Centre, Powell Street, Old Trafford.

The 8 young people who make up the team are participating in the twelve week personal development programme with the Prince's Trust and as part of the project are required to raise the funds for and take part in a community project. Old Trafford Team 8 raised £280 pounds by baking cakes and selling them at the HM Revenue and Customs building, Salford and £150 by cycling 15 miles along the Trans Pennine trail to Warrington.

The team members came up with a jungle animal theme to brighten up the surrounding area and also spent time sanding and repainting the furniture around the play area. The paint was kindly donated by Dulux Paint Centre, Liverpool Road, Salford which gave the Team a great choice of colours to use for their theme. The main wall is designed to be bright and eye catching to the many children that use the centre on a daily basis.

Emma Perry, Assistant Director of Aisha Childcare, which runs a range of children's and family services from the centre said: "The work done by the Prince's Trust volunteers at the centre is brilliant, the wall design is capturing the children's imagination and has really brightened the centre up."

Team member Sarah Strutt said "We really enjoyed the challenge of our project, not only the challenge of raising the money for the materials but also the hard work in designing and creating a brighter play area for the young children that use the centre. We have all learnt new skills and feel a real sense of achievement in helping other people."

Old Trafford Family Centre is managed by the Big Life group's social business Aisha Childcare, a local childcare and family services provider, which also manages facilities at Sure Start, Longsight.

For further details on the work of the Prince's Trust Teams contact 0800 842 842 or visit www.princes-trust.org.uk.

Notes to editors:

- Photocall is from 1130 – 1200hrs

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