

## Press release

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### Biotechnology company helps Cambridge disability charity find work for young people

Ten young people in Cambridgeshire will move a step further towards employment thanks to a huge £1,000 cheque presented today (20 November) to local disability charity, Red2Green. The donation comes from Genzyme, a leading biotechnology company with laboratories in the city, and will fund a series of workshops by teaching young adults how to brush up their skills, present their CV and excel in an interview.

Genzyme's donation comes after its staff hosted Red2Green's Summer Soiree where business leaders had the chance to meet with potential staff and trainees, and heard about the benefits employing people with disabilities could bring, while helping diversify their work force.

Tim Burrows of Genzyme said, "Genzyme likes to support the charities our staff are involved with, and we're really enjoying our developing relationship with Red2Green. By being involved, we've been able to see how supporting a charity can make a real difference to people's lives, seeing how donations translate into real help for people, moving them towards employment and independent living".

Tor Docherty, chief executive of Red2Green said, "Red2Green's relationship with Genzyme has opened doors for our clients to allow them to access work with other companies across the county. This donation is an added bonus and will help us continue to show employers the enormous potential our clients have".

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#### Notes to editors:

- **About Red2Green**

Red2Green runs projects across Cambridgeshire providing leisure, educational and work opportunities for over 600 people with a wide range of disabilities and those facing disadvantage, including mental health problems, learning disabilities, sensory impairments, physical disabilities and social communication disorders.

- **About Genzyme**

One of the world's foremost biotechnology companies, Genzyme is dedicated to making a major positive impact on the lives of people with serious diseases. Founded in Boston in 1981, Genzyme has grown from a small start-up to a diversified enterprise with annual revenues exceeding \$3 billion and more than 9,500 employees in locations spanning the globe. With many established products and services helping patients in nearly 90 countries, Genzyme is a leader in the effort to develop and apply the most advanced technologies in the life sciences. The company's products and services are focused on rare inherited disorders, kidney disease, orthopaedics, transplant, cancer, and diagnostic testing. Genzyme's commitment to innovation continues today with a substantial research and development program focused on these fields, as well as immune disease, infectious disease, and other areas of unmet medical need.

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