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British Garden Centres supports DIY SOS for Children in Need

British Garden Centres is delighted to have supplied a plant contribution through its Tarporley store to the inspiring DIY SOS for BBC Children in Need project, which recently completed an incredible build for The Joshua Tree charity in Northwich.

The project, featured on BBC One, involved constructing a 375m² extension that will double the charity's capacity to provide essential support to children and families affected by childhood cancer.

In partnership with DIY SOS, British Garden Centres' Tarporley team generously donated a wide range of plants, including Rudbeckia Enchanted Velvet Flame and Rudbeckia Enchanted Romance, various Miscanthus varieties, Vinca major and minor cultivars, Bergenia 'Ouverture' and 'Bressingham White', Ajuga Reptans varieties, several Hosta cultivars such as Great Expectations and Francee, Crocosmia Emily McKenzie, and herb thymes including creeping and lemon variegated varieties.

These plants were used to create the new outdoor therapy garden at The Joshua Tree's expanded facilities. This therapeutic garden is a vital part of the new build, offering a calming and healing space for families visiting the centre.

The Joshua Tree charity was founded more than two decades ago by Dai and Lynda Hill following their son Joshua's diagnosis with leukaemia. Since then, the charity has grown to support over 300 families throughout the North Wales and Cheshire region. Their services include therapeutic play for children, physical therapy tailored to teenagers, and vital emotional and practical assistance for parents and siblings, offering crucial support to families during extraordinarily difficult times.

James Beattie, Centre Manager at Tarporley Garden Centre, said: "We were honoured to support such a worthwhile project as the DIY SOS for Children in Need build at The Joshua Tree. Providing the plants from Tarporley Garden Centre to help create the outdoor therapy garden is very special for us. Gardens have the power to lift spirits and offer comfort, and we hope these plants will bring joy and peace to the families who need it most."



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DIY SOS for Children in Need was broadcast for the first time on BBC One at 9pm on Thursday, November 13th and can also be viewed on BBC iPlayer.

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About the business:

British Garden Centres (BGC) is the UK's largest family-owned garden centre group with 73 centres around the country. The group is owned and led by the Stubbs family, who also own and operate Woodthorpe Leisure Park in Lincolnshire.

BGC was launched in 1987 with the opening of Woodthorpe Garden Centre by brothers Charles and Robert Stubbs. Since 2018, it has expanded rapidly with the acquisition of 50 garden centres, allowing it to grow from its heartland to the business it is now, with 61 garden centres spread from Carmarthen to Ramsgate, Wimborne to East Durham.

The group has a team of 3000 colleagues working across the garden centres, restaurants, 2 growing nurseries, 4 distribution centres, Woodthorpe Leisure Park, and Woody's Restaurant & Bar.

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