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### LITTLE LOCAL STARS RAISE THEIR VOICES TO HELP CHILDREN'S CHARITY

On [REDACTED], children aged [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] performed nursery rhymes and actions in front of proud families for I CAN's annual Chatterbox Challenge.

Following weeks of practising and rehearsals, the children got active and 'communication fit' in the build up to Summer 2012 in an action-packed performance of songs and rhymes. Their efforts raised £ [REDACTED] for I CAN, the children's communication charity, as part of Chatterbox Challenge 2012. Thanks to the generous support of Openreach, a BT Group Business, every penny raised will go directly to help children with communication difficulties.

[REDACTED] from [REDACTED] said:

*"We are thrilled to have participated in I CAN's Chatterbox Challenge 2012. The children have really enjoyed learning and singing nursery rhymes and actions whilst practising their speech and language skills. Everyone had a super time at the Chatterbox Challenge; the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and the families and staff thought it was a fantastic event! We're really pleased to have helped raise money for children who have difficulties talking and understanding."*

I CAN Chief Executive, Virginia Beardshaw said:

*"I would like to thank the children and adults from [REDACTED] for getting involved in this year's Chatterbox Challenge. The Chatterbox Challenge is a fantastic annual activity which develops speech and language skills in children aged 0-5. This year's theme was 'Kids in Motion' to encourage the under-5s to get moving and learn new rhymes and words whilst tying into the excitement of Summer 2012. Their commendable efforts have helped to raise vital funds for I CAN's work with the 1 million children in the UK who struggle with communication. The Chatterbox Challenge activities were designed by I CAN speech and language therapists and teachers to help develop children's speaking and language skills in an engaging way."*

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**Thanks to Openreach's support, all the money raised goes directly to help children who struggle with their speech and language.**