

Staff rise to charity challenge

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WHEN the team at Provident Insurance set their minds to do something they leave nothing to chance.

This year the company chose the Child Development Unit at Calderdale Royal Hospital, for their doorstep challenge, which supports families of youngsters with special needs.

Three months into this year's fund-raising they have already exceeded their £8,000 target and raised more than £9,000 through a series of events based on TV game shows.

Teams from across the company challenged each other to become company dodgeball champions at the North Bridge Leisure Centre.

The winning team was "Our Captain is a Shandy Boy" who beat off the rest of the company's 300 Halifax-based employees.

Sharon Feeny said each year the Ferguson Street company chose a local charity to support and had been impressed with the hospital's desire to add an outdoor play area to the unit.

"Our staff are very enthusiastic about the challenge and everyone gets involved," she said.

And directors have no qualms about rolling their sleeves up to do their bit.

"Recently they did a 21-mile sponsored walk, in really wet and windy conditions, which raised more than £5,000," she said.

Sharon said that it wasn't just the selected charity that benefited because Provident gained from the team building events generated.

Although Provident staff have reached their target they are not resting on their laurels and plan to continue fund-raising with more events planned.

Other events held this month included a staff v management football tournament and a staff rounders tournament.

A Stars in Your Eyes competition was another success.