

We wonder if we can persuade you to support the charity and get a worthwhile grant that would give a tremendous boost to our work.

The Second Chance Children's Charity is on the shortlist to win a share of Persimmon Homes' Building Futures £1million pot supporting under-18s nationwide but first we need online votes to win. It's rather like the ubiquitous green counters that go into the Perspex collecting box for the charity of your choice when leaving the super market!

Persimmon Homes South Coast is backing Second Chance to be a prize winner at a gala dinner in October, where cash awards of £100,000, £50,000 or £20,000 will be made to those winning the most online votes.

We have already been given money for being the local choice but now this is going national. I think we must be in with a chance as last year's third prize winner was from our own area here and was, like us, only a small charity. To win the £100,000 first prize would make a tremendous difference to us especially in the present climate of lockdown where experts are predicting a 48% fall in charitable income.

We work with some of Britain's most vulnerable and needy children. We do not charge for our services and we rely solely on donations to survive. Because most of our children carry their disability on the inside we don't generate that much sympathy for them so anything that you could do to promote this challenge would be great. Perhaps as well as voting yourself, you could post on your own social media?

Voting could not be simpler. Just log on to www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures/ and select The Second Chance Children's Charity and vote for us. We would really appreciate everyone's support.

You can vote every day, but only one vote per day is accepted per IP address. This means if someone has already voted that day using your shared network at home or work, you will need to use a different IP address for additional votes – either using your mobile phone, home broadband or using Wi-Fi while you are out and about. I also don't think it has to be UK based.

Building Futures is being delivered through the Persimmon Charitable Foundation. Through the scheme, a total of 128 grants of £1,000 have been awarded to groups supporting sport, education & arts and health across Persimmon's 31 regional businesses and its head office here in the UK.

Persimmon Homes is an official partner of Team GB and the Persimmon Charitable Commission enlisted the help of athletes Jason Kenny and Laviai Nielsen to help determine the three regional finalists for each business division and we are grateful to be one of them.

As well as the £100,000 first prize, there will be a £50,000 second prize and a £20,000 third prize in each sector, while a further 87 shortlisted projects will each receive £5,000. So even if we don't win first prize it could still be a really worthwhile effort to vote.

Online voting opened on 27 July and will close at midnight on 18 September 2020.

To support Second Chance please visit: <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures/finalists> Just click on the link and then click on **Finalists** and select **Second Chance Children's Charity**