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GIVEAWAY – Teenager applies for cash in ET competition to bring joy to young and old

Claire wants to Make It Happen with music

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A TEENAGER who uses music to bring joy to hundreds of sick children is hoping *The Evening Telegraph's* Make It Happen cash giveaway will give her a helping hand to develop her volunteer work.

Kind-hearted Claire Squires volunteers on the children's Amazon Ward at Peterborough District Hospital, playing music and games with the children, despite battling with Crohn's disease herself.

The condition means Claire cannot digest food properly and often has to be fed through a tube.

The talented 18-year-old has just completed a BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts at Peterborough Regional College. She is also a keen piano and guitar player, as well as singer.

Next year, Claire, of Moretons Close, Whittlesey, plans to complete an intensive A-level in music. Her ambition is to go on to university to train to be a music therapist.

She said: "I would love to be able to take my instruments with me and spend time at the local care homes in Whittlesey for the disabled and the elderly too – these groups of people are often forgotten about."



"I could also go to local primary schools and play schemes in the holidays and do workshops. I can carry my guitar and my little percussion instruments, but I can never take my electric piano, as it is too heavy."

"I am trying to save up for a full-sized keyboard style piano, which I would be able to transport to different places. It will cost about £500, and I hope the Make It Happen scheme can help me."

In May, *The Evening Telegraph* teamed up with Combined Insurance to launch the exciting £10,000 Make It Happen awards scheme.

Later this year, a panel of judges will decide which of the entries are most beneficial to the community and most deserving of the cash.

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PROUD MOMENT: Claire Squires pictured received her BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts from Paula Heaney. She has applied for cash to buy a keyboard so she can do more work entertaining the elderly, disabled and youngsters.

Money should benefit community

ALL schemes, groups and charities across the Peterborough area are invited to apply for a share in the £10,000, as long as the money is used to benefit the community.

To be in with a chance of a share in the cash giveaway, write to us and tell us how much money you need and what it is for.

Remember to include your name, address and daytime contact number.

The closing date for entries is Monday, July 19.

Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges, and will be invited to a special awards ceremony.

□ To apply for a share of the Make It Happen money, visit peterboroughtoday.co.uk, or write to Nicola Freear, The Evening Telegraph, 57 Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1JW, or e-mail nicola.freear@peterboroughtoday.co.uk